

Reviewer's report

Title: 36 year old man presenting with pancreatitis and history of recent commencement of orlistat. Case report.

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General

This case reports draws attention to a possible association between orlistat and acute pancreatitis and suggests that latter is an adverse drug reaction.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

More details on exclusion of other causes of acute pancreatitis are required.

1) Patient was abstinent- Does it mean that he is a teatotaller? or was abstinent for a period of time before pancreatitis?

2) Patient is obese, so might have had hypertriglyceridemia. What was the fasting lipid profile before the episode of acute pancreatitis.

3) what other causes have been excluded? What was calcium levels. Was any family history?

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Present one CT scan to show the changes, as his enzymes were not elevated, this may support the diagnosis.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable