LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reply to the letter concerning article: ‘Cervical necrotizing fasciitis: descriptive, retrospective analysis of 59 cases treated at a single center’

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Dear Editor,

We agree that in the clinical situation where cervical necrotizing fasciitis is under consideration, the most important diagnostic tool is immediate CT scan covering the neck and thorax. However, in the case where radiological signs are missing or not conclusive, the infection may still develop into fulminant fasciitis (i.e., the sensitivity is rather

low in the early phase of the disease). Therefore, the clinical status of the patient should be monitored carefully in this initial phase. When the diagnosis cannot be ruled out, surgical intervention is recommended as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
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