

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-54772

Title: *Invasive Hemophilus influenzae Infection in Pregnancy: A Case Report and Review*

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
 ✓ Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Date: 11.11.25

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths:

- Clinical Significance:** The manuscript addresses a rare but important complication of pregnancy- H. influenzae infection leading to missed abortion highlighting a potentially underrecognized pathogen in maternal-fetal health.
- Comprehensive Case Report:** The detailed presentation of clinical presentation, diagnostic workup, laboratory findings, and management provides valuable insights for clinicians handling similar cases.
- Literature Contextualization:** The discussion integrates existing literature, emphasizing the pathogenicity of H. influenzae during pregnancy and the importance of screening, which is beneficial for raising awareness.
- Laboratory and Imaging Data:** The inclusion of microbiological data, imaging, and histopathology enriches the case analysis, contributing to a thorough understanding of the patient's clinical course.

Weaknesses:

- Structural Organization:** The flow of the manuscript could be improved for clarity; for example, summaries or key points at the end of each section would enhance readability.
- Literature Referencing:** The citation style varies slightly; ensure consistent formatting throughout, especially between in-text citations and the reference list.
- Inconsistent Timeframes:** Some dates (e.g., "13-11-2025" and "13-11-2024") seem inconsistent and may be typographical errors that need correction for clarity.
- Typographical and Grammar Errors:** Minor grammatical errors, such as "Hemophilus influenzae" (should be "Haemophilus influenzae"), should be corrected throughout. Certain sentences are lengthy or awkwardly constructed, requiring grammatical smoothing.
- Incomplete Information on Ethical Approval:** The manuscript does not explicitly mention obtaining institutional ethical clearance or patient consent for publication, which is essential.
- Figures and Tables:** The manuscript references imaging and histopathology findings but does not include figures, tables, or images, which could strengthen the case presentation.
- Discussion Depth:** The discussion could benefit from a more detailed review of the pathogenesis, differential diagnosis, and broader implications for obstetric practice.

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Specific Recommendations:

- Editing & Proofreading:** Correct typographical mistakes, especially the bacterial nomenclature ("Haemophilus influenzae"). Review date consistency and correct the apparent typo "13-11-2025" to "13-11-2024."
- Ethical Considerations:** Add a statement confirming that informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication and detail approval from an institutional review board or ethics committee.
- Clarify Content:** Clearly delineate sections such as Introduction, Case Report, Discussion, and Conclusion for better flow.
- Referencing:** Ensure all citations in the text match the reference list and adhere to the journal's formatting style.
- Figures/Images:** Incorporate relevant images or visuals if available to support diagnostic findings.
- Additional Literature:** Expand the literature review to include the latest studies up to 2023, if available.