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65-year old underweight man with a 5-month-history of lower abdominal pain

Gastroscopy:

> no relevant findings

Colonoscopy:

> slight segmental colitis with histologic evidence of focal granuloma

CT-scan of the abdomen:

- > lymph nodes in the lower mediastinum (< 1 cm)
- > ascites (liver + pelvic cavity)
- > peritoneal contrast enhancement
- > multiple noduli in mesenterial und peritoneal tissue (< 1 cm)
- > increased number of retroperitoneal lymph nodes
- > contrast enhancement of the terminal ileum



CT-scan of the chest:

- > small consolidations in the central right upper pulmonary lobe (post infection / bronchiolitis)
- > non specific axillary and mediastinal lymph nodes

Sonography of the thyroid:

- > several nodules

Lab tests:

ESR: 24 mm/W (3 - 9)

Hemoglobin: 12.3 g/dL (14.0 - 18.0)

Leukocytes: 3.4 /nL (4.0 - 10.0)

Lymphocytes: 17.8 % (25 - 40)

CRP: 46 mg/L (1 - 5)

Albumin: 49% (55.8 - 66.1)

alpha1-globulin: 6.5 % (2.9 - 4.9)

alpha2-globulin: 15.8 % (7.1 - 11.8)

Sonography of the abdomen (ascites sample):

- > refused

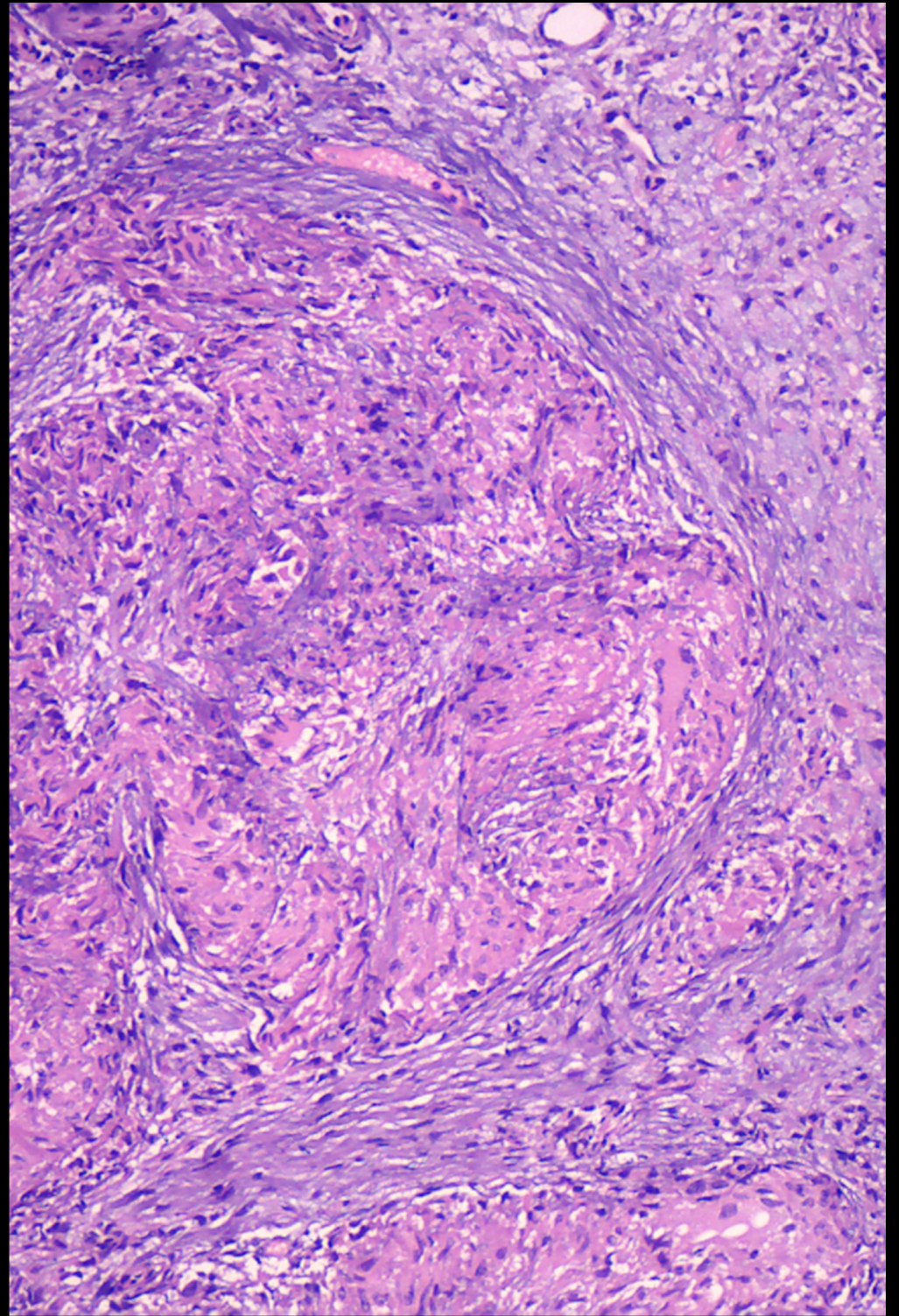
Lab tests (2):

TBC Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSpot (ELISPOT): positive

Ascites:

Microscopy: inflammation with lymphocytes and neutrophils; no evidence of specific pathogens (Ziehl-Neelsen)

PCR: Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex: negative



... 2 months later:

Culture: *Mycobacterium bovis* var. *caprae*: positive

Peritoneal tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis* var. *caprae*)

What is the most difficult of all?
That which seems to you the easiest,
To see with one's eyes
What is lying before them.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Xenien



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