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Dear Mr. Park,

My name is Timothy Tan, a current 4th year medical student at the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. I am pleased to submit a case report entitled: **“Rheumatoid or Methotrexate Induced Interstitial Lung Disease? – A clinical dilemma”** for consideration for publication in the Res Medica Journal Case Reports Section.

In the attached manuscript, I summarize a case of an elderly female patient with a long-standing history of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) seen on a respiratory ward who presented with radiographical changes consistent with interstitial lung disease (ILD). However, this presented with a diagnostic challenge as she had been taking methotrexate for a long time, along with other confounding factors, which has been known to cause ILD. Clinically, this can mimic RA-ILD. In the images that have been provided, I want to illustrate that RA-ILD displays similar radiographical changes to those from other ILD causes, particularly those that are drug induced.

I believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication in the Res Medica Journal Case Report Section as the write-up serves to be educational for medical students and physicians in regards to identifying ILD on HRCT as well as recognizing its causes.

This manuscript is original, has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We also have no conflict of interests to disclose and no funding was obtained.

I look forward to your favorable reply.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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