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Pneumonia without Respiratory Symptoms

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Picture.

A 46-year-old previously healthy man from Wuhan, China, presented to our emergency department with a 9-day history of persistent fever. He had been in his usual state of health until 9 days prior to admission (PTA), when he developed a fever of 38.3°C without any respiratory symptoms, including runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, sputum and dyspnea. He had traveled to Japan 3 days PTA and presented to our hospital. On arrival, his vital signs were as follows: body temperature, 37.1°C; blood pressure, 120/82 mmHg; pulse rate, 80/min; respiratory rate, 18 breaths/min; and oxygen saturation, 95% on ambient air. On physical examination, no crackles were heard. A rapid antigen test for influenza was negative. Chest CT revealed bilat-

eral ground glass opacities (Picture). Polymerase chain reaction for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) was positive.

This is the first case in a Chinese traveler in Tokyo, Japan. It is paramount to recognize that fever without respiratory symptoms is an early manifestation of SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia.

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