Reviewer's report

Title: Santorinicele without pancreas divisum pathophysiology: Initial clinical and radiographical investigations

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Authors investigated the prevalence of Santorinicele without pancreas divisum pathophysiology (SWOPP) and its clinical and radiographical features comparing to those of Santorinicele with pancreas divisum (SWPD). They concluded that they reported the 2nd to 6th cases of SWOPP and revealed that it is quite a rare condition. They also showed that SWOPP is often found in elderly patients suffering from chronic pancreatitis and referred to the possibility of its acquired pathology. They examined all the MR studies of as many as 4940 subjects. Their effort was very great and their new finding was novel and interesting.

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I declare that I have no competing interests