Reviewer's report

Title: Liver, spleen, pancreas and kidney involvement by human fascioliasis: imaging findings

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Reviewer: Rasoul Sotoudehmanesh

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General
This is a well-described case report of an unusual presentation of fascioliasis.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. After the diagnosis was established with a positive ELISA test for fasciola, what was the reason for choosing albendazole as the first treatment option? (Fasciola hepatica is known to be resistant to albendazole).
2. In page 9 line 4 of first paragraph, what is the meaning of "nuclear" in the sentence? Do the authors mean "unclear"?
3. In page 9, line 19: the authors have stated that "hypersensitivity reaction to fasciola antigens might also be implicated" to explain the imaging findings in their patients. As hypersensitivity reactions are systemic processes without focal organ involvement, is there any evidence that confirms this explanation?
4. References are not numbered consecutively.
5. There is no legend for figure 3-C.
6. The quality of all pictures, especially figure 2, is poor. The authors should provide higher quality pictures and a color picture for figure 2 with a higher resolution.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The dissemination of the parasite in other organs could be explained by ineffective therapy (albendazole) in an immunocompromised patient. A discussion on this matter would be appropriate.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
None