Reviewer’s report

Title: Chylous ascites as the main manifestation of left ventricular dysfunction: Case report

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Reviewer: Juerg Reichen

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General
This is the first report of chylous ascites associated with congestive heart failure. The case is well documented and nicely discussed. The finding is not surprising since chylous ascites is well documented in constrictive pericarditis but the association of pure congestive failure with this entity has not been described.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. There are several typographical errors (e.g. bilirrubin in the table). The manuscript should be reviewed by somebody fluent in English before final acceptance.
2. The authors should cite to studies by van der Merve et al. (J Hepatol 2000; 32:164) and Williams et al. (J Clin Gastroenterol 1990; 12:581) since they pertain directly to their case

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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:

I have no competing interests