Reviewer’s report

Title: An Unusual Presentation of Ruptured Appendiceal Cystadenoma Associated with Left Colon Cancer: A Case Report and Review of Literature

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This study case report reporting on the association of appendiceal mucocele and left colon cancer in a 70-year old male patient. The mucocele was presenting as a right inguinal hernia and localized pseudomyxoma peritonei was found due to the rupture of the cyst. The case was successfully managed surgically.

Compulsory Comments:
1. The conclusion of the abstract that the “incidence of synchronous colon cancer increases in patients with appendiceal mucoceles” is not really supported by the only case presented here. In the discussion authors also state that there were ten other cases operated on due to appendiceal mucocele in their practice in the last 13 years and none of them had coexisting colorectal cancer. Thus the conclusion of the abstract have to be changed according to this. In addition, authors could report on all the mucocele cases instead of just reporting on this only case.
2. The number of the figures should be reduced. One showing the CT results and another one with the macroscopic and histology (A and B) picture should be given.

Minor essential revisions:
1. The English needs some revision.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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

Statistical review: No