Reviewer's report

Title: Primary muscular cystic hydatidosis: case report

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General
The case report greatly improved after revision, but some minor points still need to be corrected.

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

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Background.
Line 19. “increasing rate” should be changed to “growth rate”.
Line 20. Delete “usual detected” (redundant).
Line 30. “Registered” should be “reported”.

Case Report.
Second last line: “report” should be “occurrence”.

Conclusions.
Line 17. IFA and IHA negativity do not rule out the hypothesis of CE in such a location. In fact, for a cyst that is located in the muscle only, one would expect standard serological tests to be negative. I would therefore delete the sentence: “…and not supporting the theory for hydatidosis”.

Line 19.
That the patients had no post-surgery complications cannot be inferred from serological tests. I would limit the statement to: “The patient had no post-surgical complications”.

Line 21. If the authors cannot show a histological specimen (one cannot help to ask why), they should at least describe what was and what was not observed with respect to the diagnostic elements. Failing to do so makes their line of reasoning unconvincing.

Line 29. “Indicative” seems redundant to me, I would delete it.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.