Reviewer's report

Title: Serous borderline tumor of the fallopian tube presented as hematosalpinx. A case report and review of the literature

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Reviewer: Debra Heller

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General This is an interesting report of a rare tumor.

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

1-The authors place a great deal of emphasis on ploidy to obtain tumor prognosis in ovarian borderline tumors, and suggest that it predicts prognosis in the Fallopian tube lesions as well. While some of the literature has shown correlation, other reports have not. Some other papers that discuss this topic include Demirel D et al, Cancer, 1996, Gilks CB et al, Int J Gynecol Pathol 2003). The discussion should reflect this.

2-Would take out the materials and methods. Descriptions of methodology for FNAs, H&E slides, and flow cytometry are not needed.

3-The photomicrograph I received appears somewhat out of focus, however the original image may not be. Please check for focus.

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

If available, the size of the adnexal mass on clinical examination and on ultrasound should be included.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory 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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests