Reviewer's report

Title: Abdominal cerebrospinal fluid pseudocyst occurring 21 years after ventriculoperitoneal shunt placement: a case study

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Cerebrospinal fluid abdominal pseudocyst is an uncommon but important complication of ventriculoperitoneal shunts (VP-shunt).

These pseudocysts have traditionally been treated with surgical shunt externalization, antibiotics for presumed or documented shunt infection, and a second surgical procedure for shunt reinsertion.

Repositioning of the peritoneal catheter in the abdomen could led to the recurrence of abdominal pseudocyst. Follow-up is too short in the present report (only 4 months).

This abdominal pseudocyst is rare but well known complication associated with VP-shunt.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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