Reviewer's report

Title: Successful surgical approach for a patient with encapsulating peritoneal sclerosis after hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy: a case report and literature review

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The Authors report a single case of successful surgical treatment of encapsulating peritonitis due to HIPEC.

This clinical case is not so rare, nor the presented surgical solution is original nor it adds data to the actual management of patients with EPS. Furthermore, many criticisms have to be made, as follows.

Major Compulsory Revisions
• Is iv steroid therapy useful for EPS? Are there some data in the Literature?
• In the abstract and in the text the diagnosis made by CT are different
• The duration of the intervention should be mentioned
• Why a first laparoscopic, diagnostic approach was not envisaged?
• 18 post-operative days are quite long for an uneventful course; please comment
• English style should be revised
• Grammar should be checked

Minor Essential Revisions
• In many Centers HIPEC is runned for more than 30 minutes, as You did. Please comment
• The number of nodes harvested in the first operation would be interesting (for determining the prognosis)
• The adjuvant chemotherapy course was a little bit quick (3 months): there was a particular reason not to performing the classical 6-months schedules?
• Follow-up should be reported in the abstract

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'