Reviewer's report

Title: Chronic expanding hematoma in the retroperitoneal space

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Reviewer: Mahzuz Karim

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This is an informative case report. A few amendments should be considered:

Minor essential revisions

1) Given the presence of hydronephrosis, the patient's renal function (and, if possible, blood pressure) should be specified before and after treatment.

Discretionary revisions

2) The authors discuss the differential diagnosis of CEH, including soft tissue malignancy. It would be useful if the section on imaging could be expanded, discussing relevant features that may aid in diagnosis, and the role (if any) of other imaging modalities such as angiography.

3) Some comment should be made regarding potential complications of CEH (particularly infection), both before and after surgical intervention.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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