Reviewer's report

**Title:** Scrotal extratesticular schwannoma: a case report and review of the literature

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**Reviewer:** Arnold Etame

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General
Extratesticular introscotal schwannomas are extremely rare with only a few reported cases in the literature. The authors present a unique intrascrotal schwannoma with update review of the current literature. The case is well described from a clinical presentation, diagnostic, and management perspective. Most of the applicable literature has been appropriately reviewed. However, there are a few items that the authors should address prior to acceptance for publication:

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

A. The following references, which represent very early reports of testicular nerve sheath tumors were not incorporated by the authors in their review. They authors are advised to do so.


Introduction section.

“Scrotal localisation of schwannoma is rare, but has been the occasional subject of reports in the literature” This needs to be referenced.

B. The following should be revised and addressed in the Discussion section.

1) 2nd paragraph line 1, please revise as follows:

The clinical history of the disease was similar in each of the previous reports that we examined (List all applicable references). Each of the subjects presented with a history of painless scrotal swelling, between a few months and 3 years, as in our case.

2) 2nd paragraph line 7 - “In previously reported cases, therefore, US, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and CT have variously been used to arrive at more exact diagnoses.” Please list the references associated the reported cases
mentioned.

C. In the reference section please correct reference # 6. The title of the article is missing.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct): none

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) : none

**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.