Reviewer’s report

Title: A Rare coexistence of giant splenic hemangioma with diffuse liver hemangiomatosis in a patient with ovarian endometriosis.

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Reviewer: Dieter Hahnloser

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

The authors describe a 42-year-old woman with a large hemangioma of the spleen in combination with endometriosis and hemangiomas of the liver. They discuss the differential diagnosis of the this case.

Criticism:

1. Your abstract does not focus to a main conclusion of your case. What is the main issue of the manuscript? Differential diagnosis of splenic hemangiomas? The high risk of ruptures? The rare association with liver hemangiomas or endometriosis? Diagnostic pitfalls? Association of oral contraceptives with hemangiomas? You also included some clauses in the abstract which better belong into the discussion.

2. The patient stopped estrogen therapy 12 years ago. Why do you think the splenic hemangioma is related to this therapy?

3. What have you revealed about endometriosis in patient’s history? Was this diagnosis unknown before the operation? Can you provide additional image files to show endometriosis of this patient?
4. Can you provide additional image material to show hemangiomas of the liver?

5. How did you manage vaccination before/after elective splenectomy? How was the follow-up of the patient? Was the operative course uneventful? Did you perform an ovarectomy?

6. Why do you think the diagnosis was difficult? You have shown nicely the splenic origin of the hemangioma with selective arteriography.

7. What does “satiation” mean?

8. Some clauses in the discussion belong into the case presentation, eg. CT scan revealed an ovarian cyst. Which side was the ovarian cyst?

9. What does OC mean? You have not specified the abbreviation.

**What next?: Reject**

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable