Reviewer's report

Title: Cystic Fibrosis Presenting as Recurrent Pancreatitis in a Young Child with a Normal Sweat Test and Pancreas Divisum: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Harpreet Pall

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General
This case report highlights the importance of recognizing sweat chloride testing as unreliable to definitively exclude the possibility of "atypical" cystic fibrosis where only one organ system is affected. Exhaustive CFTR genotyping and nasal potential difference testing can help in the diagnosis. This case was especially intriguing due to the potential interplay between the pancreas divisum and CFTR abnormalities.

Revisions necessary for publication
- Please shorten discussion
- Under Reference 12, "Steth" should be spelled Sheth and "gener" has an extra r.
- Discussion Page 2, 2nd paragraph, extra space between F and 508.
- Discussion Page 4, 1st paragraph, extra "a" before retrospective.
What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published