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:** Andres Gelrud

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: New associations or variations in disease processes

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:**

Under Introduction:

Line 9, Please specify if sphincterotomy was from the minor papilla or major papilla (biliary and / or pancreatic).

Under Case Presentation:

1. Please specify what the normal limits of normal are for amylase and lipase and include, if true, that calcium level was normal (cholesterol is not proven to trigger acute pancreatitis, consider d/c cholesterol and adding Ca).

2. When you mentioned "Her previous investigations included a normal sweat test and normal endoscopic retrograd cholangi." Did they noticed that patient had pancreas divisum? Why they did not treat on the first ERCP? Please specify why it was not treated.

3. Second paragraph line 3, ...was treated by sphincterotomy. Please specify minor sphincterotomy (I am assuming this was the case).

4. Fourth paragraph. Extended CFTR mutation analysis showed ... Was this full gene sequencing? or Genzyme 97 mutation analysis? Please specify.
Under Discussion:
Excellent discussion, very informative.
1. You mentioned ref. #12 twice when it should have been two different ref.
2. 4 lines below the ref. #12 there is a double a a.
3. Please delete the word essentially "Our patient had ESSENTIALLY no response to sphincterotomy." The pt had no response to sphincterotomy, I personally think the PDivisum is an incidental finding like 7% of the population has it.
4. Please add a line on the incidence of pancreas divisum, this are two great ref.  

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable