Reviewer’s report

Title: Paracardial pancreatic pseudocyst with isolated thoracic symptoms: a case report

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Reviewer: joseph boujaoude

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: No

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

Comments to authors:

General

the only interests of your case are the rarity (only 50 cases were reported in the literature) and the unexpected association between disease and symptoms.

Revisions necessary for publication

It is an interesting paper because of the rarity of clinical presentation and location of pancreatic pseudocyst.

There are 3 errors in the text (DISCUSSION):

1. in the page 6, 1st paragraph and line 8: “in the …”
2. in the page 6, 2d paragraph and line 3: “dyspnea and dysphagea…”
3. in the page 6, 2d paragraph and line 6: “of lipoma,….”

The authors must revised discussion section:

1. The order of the paragraph must adjusted. We suggest the following plan: pathophysiology, symptoms, diagnosis, management and conclusion.
2. In the paragraph of management, the authors must detail the different therapeutic options reported in the literature other than the surgical one and we must focus on the different cases treated endoscopically with their references.

What next?: Revise and resubmit

Quality of written English: Acceptable