Author’s response to reviews

Title: Fetus in fetu: a case report

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1) Response to Grace Loy:

1- This condition is not well documented in our area; only two cases were reported in our area, one in Baghdad and the other in Saudi Arabia.

2- This case was never reported in Egypt, this is the only reported case in Egypt in the whole history of medicine in our country.

2) Response to Dr Ahmed El Azab:

1- We changed the first line in the introduction as advised by the reviewer:
   From (To our knowledge fetus in fetu originally described by Meckel in the late 18th century) to (To our knowledge fetus in fetu was originally described by Meckel in the late 18th century).
   We welcome any other language changes that will be recommended by the editor or the reviewers.

2- We did histopathological examination of the specimen last week and we found the presence of organized tissues (lungs, liver and spleen).
   This case is a fetus in fetu and not teratoma due to the presence of organized tissues as skeleton, hand, foot, lungs, liver and spleen. Teratoma lacks this organization.
   The last line in case presentation is changed from (microscopic examination and chromosomal analysis was not done) to (Microscopic examination of the mass was done and revealed the presence of lungs, liver and spleen).

3- The case was not correctly diagnosed prior to surgery that is why alpha fetoprotein and HCG were not ordered before the operation.