Reviewer's report

Title: Fetus in fetu: a case report

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Reviewer: Ahmed Elazab

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Comments to authors:

1- The language needs some revision e.g in the introduction, first line "To our knowledge fetus in fetu originally described by Meckel in the late 18 th ..." the sentence is missing a verb

2- Histologically teratoma contains more than one germ cell layer in various stages of maturation and differentiation. Has the authors performed histopathological examination for the mass removed from the baby to know if this condition a variant of teatoma (as they mentioned in the discussion)?

3- Did the authors suspect the diagnosis before surgical exploration? If yes did they analyze serum levels of alpha fetoprotein and HCG?

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

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