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Title: Giant Serous Cystadenoma Arising from an Accessory Ovary in a Morbidly Obese 11-year-old Girl: A Case Report

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Dear Article Submission Review Board,

We sincerely thank Drs. Maggino and Johnston for their expert and thoughtful evaluation of our submitted article. Although the tones of the evaluations differ significantly, I’m sure that is to be expected and reflects the heterogeneity of medical experience and philosophy.

Please accept the accompanying revision of our article for consideration. Although Dr. Maggino seemed somewhat dismissive of our report’s relevance, he offered no suggestions for improvement and ultimately supported its publication. We will therefore address the suggestion made by Dr. Johnston: she proposes that we deflate the last paragraph of the discussion section as it struck her as being long-winded. We agree and have trimmed the verbiage, but would ask that the substance of that part of the discussion remain intact.

The final paragraph of the discussion is, in effect, one small but unique contribution to the literature in that it offers a more effective nomenclature for the phenomenon of extra ovarian tissue. Current nomenclature is not completely precise or coherent. Eliminating our suggestions would significantly reduce the article’s impact (as small as it may be).

We would also like to submit to Dr. Maggino, in defense of the novelty of our report, that the patient’s extreme age and weight, and the intriguing prospect that endocrine dysfunction may be involved, are unique additions to the body of knowledge in this area.

Therefore we ask that the article be published as submitted here. If this is not possible, we will further revise the article according to Mrs. Johnston’s much-appreciated appraisal.

Warmest Regards,

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