Reviewer's report

Title: Biliary cystadenocarcinoma of gall bladder: a case report

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Reviewer: Stephen Chadwick

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: 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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

An interesting though very rare case. The authors should give radiological advise as to how this might be picked up preoperatively, how the diagnosis is made histologically, and if tumour markers can be used to follow up the patient for recurrence.

The importance is that patients may arrive in the western world with a diagnosis of empyema of the gall bladder or other biliary pathology and may have received treatment in the country of origin but the patient does not get better. It is under these circumstances that a differential diagnosis might include biliary cystadenoma of the gall bladder.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests