Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Lumbar Hernia Misdiagnosed as Subcutaneous Lipoma: A Case Report

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**Reviewer:** Robert Sutcliffe

**Which of the following 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?:** Yes

**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:**

The authors present a case of a lumbar hernia which was previously considered to be a subcutaneous lipoma. This case has an important message which merits publication. There are numerous grammatical and spelling errors which need to be corrected.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.