Reviewer’s report

Title: A Retroperitoneal Abscess Caused by Haemophilus Parainfluenza after Open Cholecystectomy and Common Bile Duct Exploration: A case report

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Reviewer: James Dolan

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: No

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:

Interesting case report but hampered by poor sentence structure and grammer.

It appears to me that this occurred as a consequence of ERCP as is reported in another instance (reference 1). I think this point should be stressed and considered. The title should include this possible association.

Since this may well be the 2nd reported instance of infection following ERCP, it would be of interest to the GI community and should be published.

Revision is too extensive for me to attempt but pdf of my (poor) handwritten comments will be sent to editors.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests