Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous rupture of a large nonparasitic liver cyst presented as acute abdomen: a case report

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Reviewer: Muslim Atiq

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: No

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?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

well written case. However there are 3 main concerns.

1- what is the speculative role of previously described decrease of the cyst size from 13 cms to 4 cms. Is this described in literature; or this was a previous leak which was asymptomatic?

2- You mentioned, a total of 15 cases have been reported and then you mention in same paragraph, this si the 5th case of spontaneous rupture of cyst; please clarify?

3-Document contnet in pages 7-9 regarding cyst management vis-a-vis their medical or surgical options is unrelated and may be omitted with more focus on rupture of cyst and keeping it in differential of patients with known cysts
presenting with abdominal pain.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'