Reviewer's report

Title: Placenta increta in a second parous woman causing hemoperitoneum in the 26th week of pregnancy: a case report

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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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors report a dramatical case of a patient 26 week of gestation with suspected uterine rupture. It turned out at laparotomy that the underlying cause of the hemoperitoneaum was a placenta increata. Hysterectomy was the only way to save the life of the mother. The fetus has been dead before delivery and would have been - borne live - extremely immature.

Unfortunately the parity of the patient was not reported.

The case does not describe new facts. In cases like that hysterectomy is in most instances the only way to proceed. Unusually is the hemoperitoneaum in the 26th week of pregnancy. Some details about the pregnancy care up to this date are missing.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.