Reviewer's report

Title: A giant adrenal pseudocyst presenting with right hypochondralgia and fever: a case report

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Reviewer: Luis Fariña

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?: 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?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General Comments:
This is an interesting case of uncommon giant adrenal pseudocysts, with an acute presentation with spontaneous infection.

The patient management was clever and the case description is easy to read. Surgical treatment with an open, “radical” resection was correct, with some lessons-to-learn by the reader (surgical access with an “oncological” point of view, management of the vena cava and kidney, the need for an hepatic resection).

Some comments on the possibility of a laparoscopic access to such adrenal cysts are lacking, both in the Case presentation and in the Discussion Sections,
but giant intraabdominal masses are usually not approached by laparoscopic techniques.

Revisions necessary:
Authors should be required to review the references in the text (ref numbered 19 to 24)

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.