Reviewer’s report

Title: Gangrenous Cholecystitis: A surprising finding during an elective laparoscopic cholecystectomy in an asymptomatic patient. : A Case Report

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Reviewer: Takuya Kimura

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: No

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?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The author reported a case with gangrenous cholecystitis without symptoms and change of laboratory data

Below are the comments

1. It is difficult to suggest when the acute cholecystitis changed to gangrenous one. Did the author test blood exam after they started conservative treatment for acute cholecystitis or not?

2. It is difficult to detect gangrenous cholecystitis through ultrasound for one time. Through my experience, daily sequential ultrasound is useful to detect the change of cholecystitis from acute to gangrenous one and some papers recommend sequential ultrasound. The author may want a comment on this.
3. The gangrenous cholecystitis sometimes developed from gallbladder volvulus. The author find any signs of gallbladder torsion at laparoscopy or not?

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable