Reviewer's report

Title: Amyand's hernia: a case series

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Reviewer: Konstantinos Blouhos

Which of the following 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?: 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?: No

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:

General comments

Amyand’s hernia is an extremely rare condition in which the inguinal hernia sac contains the appendix. This unusual situation is estimated to occur in approximately one percent of adult inguinal hernia cases. The finding of acute appendicitis in Amyand’s hernia is much less common.

Some additional references in pubmed are:


Although, the rarity of its presentation is a fact, several case reports, case series, and even more many retrospective studies with acceptable number of cases were presented in international literature where the appropriate management is well documented.

The authors in this paper don't add any new informations or discuss about their experience.

Revisions necessary for publication

Specific comments

"Claudius Amyand, an English surgeon of the 18th century who first described a case of acute appendicitis in a hernial sac in an 11-year-old child", from a historical point of view, thiw is well mentioned, but the authors must cut the first paragraph of the indroduction or the discussion section.

Discussions in recent reports emphasized the incidence and management of Amyand’s hernia, highlighting the rarity and causes of the abnormality. In this report, the authors do not discuss about their experience and their choices. The discussion section is only a brief literature review. It is necessary to discuss more about their cases. For example "In our case 1..."

or, " Consequently, our recommendation is that..."

The discussion section needs to clearly specify why this report adds something in our knowledge.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'