Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous idiopathic pneumoperitoneum presented as acute abdomen: a case report

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Reviewer: Guy Eslick

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

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:

This manuscript requires additional work.

ABSTRACT
Case Presentation
Should read "Emergency laparotomy..."

INTRODUCTION
This is a very under-referenced section of the manuscript. Almost each line contains a factual statement that is not referenced. Please reference all statement correctly.
CASE PRESENTATION
Paragraph 1: Should read "A 69-year-old female presented at our..."
Paragraph 3: Should read "An emergency laparotomy..."
End Paragraph 3: Should read "...by placing a double-lumen drain."

DISCUSSION
The first sentence needs to be rewritten is makes no sense.
Paragraph 1: please reference the last line.
Paragraph 2: Should read "A detailed history..."
Paragraph 3: The authors state the MDCT can provide additional information, could they please state what additional information can be obtained using this technology that is not available from general CT.
Paragraph 4: Please reference.
Paragraph 5: Should read "Currently, laparoscopic exploration..."

CONCLUSION
Should read: "...avoiding unnecessary operations."

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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