Reviewer’s report

Title: Ovarian Germ Cell Tumors with Rhabdomyosarcomatous Components and later development of Growing Teratoma Syndrome. 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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

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:

Growing teratoma syndrome is not a rare phenomenon, and this report does not include anything that would result in improvement of disease management. The tumor had rhabdomyosarcomatous components, which sounded not rare to me.

In this paper, the authors stated to mechanisms for the pathogenesis of GTS. I believe that these two are now considered synonymous [reference 17], and direct metastasis of the mature teratoma is also regarded as a possible mechanism to cause GTS [Benoit et al. Obstet Gynecol 2005;105: 1264–1266].

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I have nothing to report.