Reviewer’s report

Title: Giant hydatid cyst of the liver.

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Reviewer: GEORGIOS FILIPPOU

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

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:

Well written and documented article. Giant HD cysts are becoming more and more rare even at endemic areas as well stated. Radical surgical excision in the only definite solution for giant HD.

It could be usefull to clarify the preoperative threatment (if there was any in your case) e.g. chemotheraphy, corticosteroid administration etc, and comment on whether and when this could be usefull.

A quick desciption of the Belghiti manuever would be usefull for the non surgeon readers.

Quality of written English: Acceptable