Reviewer’s report

Title: Intrathoracic intestinal diverticulum in a late presenting congenital bilateral diaphragmatic hernia: a case report

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Reviewer: Julie Wesp

Which of the 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?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Such an interesting case report, indeed. If it could be documented, bilateral diaphragmatic defects are usually identified how? What is the most acceptable imaging modality? What is the normal presentation if not with respiratory complaints? At what age do those with bilateral diaphragmatic defects normally present? What is the survival rate in those with bilateral diaphragmatic defects who suffer complications? What are the surgical approaches that were considered in this particular patient? Laparoscopy versus laparotomy?

Otherwise, this report documents an intriguing case and is worth publishing.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.