Reviewer’s report

Title: Gossypiboma 19 years after laminectomy mimicking a malignant spine tumor: a case report

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Reviewer: Mehmet Turgut

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

A kind of complication of spinal surgery

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?: Yes

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

I read the article entitled “Gossypiboma 19 years after laminectomy mimicking a malignant spine tumor: a case report” by Kobayashi et al. They describe a “gossypiboma” in an 87-year-old man with a history of surgery of a lumbar lesion for lumbar canal stenosis. I think that the case is interesting, but the article needs a revision before acceptance:

(1) The histological figures are demonstrative for the readers of the journal.
Please add at least one pathologist in the author byline, if possible, because I hope that one contributed to the comment of the histological specimen from Pathology department.

(2) Postoperative MRI may be useful to confirm the completeness of the surgical removal of the foreign materials. Please provide postoperative MRI, if possible.

(3) A language revision is necessary before acceptance of the article because there are several misspellings in the text.

(4) Please add arrow to demonstrate the foreign material on the CT and MRI figures (Figs. 1 & 2).

In sum, I suggest a minor revision before acceptance for publication because the article should be revised according to instructions for authors.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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