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Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal.

We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

All corrections are highlighted.

**Reviewer # 1 (Dr Ch. Drossos)**

**In “case presentation”:**

- “The diagnosis of splenic hamartoma was proposed” was replaced by “The ‘possibility’ of splenic hamartoma was proposed”, because according to reviewer’s opinion, imaging findings are controversial for this entity alone.
- We refer that ‘no calcifications were observed’, but in 1st image we can see two small calcifications.

**In “Discussion”:**

- In discussion we have written that diagnosis is confirmed ‘by biopsy’, but we have made the correction that diagnosis is confirmed ‘by histopathological examination after splenectomy’. Furthermore we mention that diagnosis is not based but supported by imaging findings, as the reviewer indicated.

Finally, we added in figure 4 that MR images are specifically coronal T1W+Gd and axial T2, respectively.
Reviewer #2 (Dr Ioannis Kornezos)

Reviewer #2 believes that this manuscript is acceptable for publishing.

Reviewer #3 (Dr Demosthenes Kokkinos)

- We have made all corrections mentioned by 3rd reviewer and refer to grammar and spelling mistakes.
- According to reviewer’s comment, in Title page we should mention authors’ full name (not only 1st initial). So the title page was: “P. Vlachou, D. Fagkrezos*, A. Tzivelopoulou, G. Kyriakopoulou, P. Maniatis, C. Triantopoulou, J. Papailiou”, and after correction became: “Paraskevi Vlachou, Dimitris Fagkrezos*, Anastasia Tzivelopoulou, Georgia Kyriakopoulou, Petros Maniatis, Charikleia Triantopoulou, John Papailiou”.
- At the same time we changed the number of department in 1 and 2, since the authors come from these two departments,
  1: Department of Radiology
  2: Computed Tomography Department.

In case presentation:

- Instead of “An abdomen CT..”, we referred to it as “An abdominal CT..”, and instead of “vessels of several width..”, we fixed it as “vessels of variable width..”.
- We added at the end of the text a list of abbreviations for CT, MRI, US.
  CT: Computerized Tomography
  MR: Magnetic Resonance
  US: Ultrasound
Finally, we made all the corrections that 3rd reviewer has pointed out about references, by adding in the text reference (6), that was missing and also in references (7), (8) we put only first initial of name, because full name of authors is not required. Months are also not required in publication information.