Reviewer's report

Title: An Intra-tendonous ganglion cyst causing impingement between the anterior cruciate ligament and anterior root of the medial meniscus: a case report.

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Introduction

Please replace the title “Introduction” with the “Background” one, as it is requested from the journal’s instructions.

The authors correctly give the definition of a ganglion cyst. However they should shortly include more information from the literature about the background of the topic. Particularly in line 3 the authors mention: “… more and more ganglion cysts around the knee have been reported”. Here, some references from previous and recent published data would be very helpful, in order to make the reader become familiar with the different types of knee cysts either symptomatic or not in various anatomic tissues in the knee joint. Searching the literature we notice that there is enough knowledge about: cysts related to meniscus tear or post-operative meniscal suture repair, cysts mainly of the PCL and of the lateral meniscus and less of the ACL and the medial meniscus. So, the literature review must be revised with more references, in order to initiate the reader with the different statement reported in this specific article.

Case report

Please replace the title “Case report” with the “Case presentation” one, as it is requested from the journal’s instructions.

The authors include enough details concerning the case: the patient’s demographics, any relevant medical history, the symptoms, the clinical examination, the diagnosis and the treatment. The case is meticulously presented, but the authors should more clearly mention in this specific section what was the surgical procedure been followed (meniscectomy, shaving in the area of the arisen cyst in the anterior horn of the medial meniscus etc.)

Discussion

The authors provide us with enough information about the ganglion etiology. However they should name all the references from the literature in the phrase “… several reports of symptomatic ganglion cysts near the anterior cruciate ligament” and compare and contrast them with the symptomatology, the diagnosis and the treatment of the present case.

Furthermore a short analysis of the most common causes of knee pain (injuries,
Conclusion

A Conclusion section is very important, with a clear explanation of the importance of this case report and its clinical relevance. Please include a conclusion section.

Abstract

It is short and concise. It is well structured in three different sections: Background: The authors give an introduction about why this case is important and needs to be reported. They also include information on whether this is the first report of this kind in the literature. Case presentation: They briefly present the patient’s symptoms including the patient's age, sex, but without her ethnic background. Conclusion: In this particular section the authors should be more concentrated in the clinical impact of this case report and also in a brief conclusion of what the reader should learn from it and of how this will advance our knowledge. Thus, it is better not to repeat in the conclusion section that the ganglion cyst impinged between the ACL and the medial meniscus is the first reported. It is clear and it is already mentioned in the background section. This would enhance the aim of the study.

Keywords
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References

Please find more references from the recent literature concerning the various anatomic places a ganglion cyst can be found.
There is enough recent data about knee ganglion cysts.
This would help the authors enhance the aim of their case report.

Figures

Very good quality.
They give enough evidence about the the diagnosis of this case.