Reviewer’s report

Title: Prenatal diagnosis of a “living” oropharyngeal fetus in fetu: A case report

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Reviewer: Paolo Cavoretto

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This is a case report on Prenatal diagnosis of a "living" oropharyngeal fetus in fetu. The case report is indeed interesting and I have few comments and suggestions for the authors

1. Background. It can be added that in absence of fetal heart beat (as usual occurs) differential diagnosis involves teratomas or other diagnosis?. It can also be added that prognosis is different in relation to the site of implant of the FIF and subsequent damage to neighbouring organs. Please comment on prenatal diagnosis effectiveness of this condition.

2. Case. Line 36. Pulsive is not appropriate, do the authors mean pulsatile?

3. Discussion. The second sentence should be clarified in relation to the comment made at n 1.

4. Discussion. reference n 2 is not recent is 18 years old. The authors may cite it in their references since it is relevant paper, just remove the word recent ad add more recent reviews such as the following:


5. Discussion. Prognosis of FIF in relation to site of implant (abdominal, toracic, cranial, etc) needs to be discussed, with reference to cases with postnatal survival. Which are the cases in which postnatal survival could be expected? Certainly survival cannot be anticipated in cases similar to the one in object, however since the disease is very rare it would be helpful to discuss briefly such concept benefit of readers. Please a comment on that.

6. Conclusion. In the conclusion both of the abstract and of the manuscripts I would add that the rare occurrence of fetal heart activity within the FIF facilitates prenatal diagnosis of FIF, helping in the differentiation with other masses such as teratomas.

7. I believe that this malformation could be detected in the first trimester, please add this concept in the discussion. Are the authors aware of any diagnosis performed before 16 weeks? Please add a comment on that.

8. Figure 1-2 are adequate. Please the authors add, if possible, coronal and/or midsagittal longitudinal pictures to describe the relationship of the mass with the fetal neck
I believe that this manuscript has same value and deserves dissemination after resolving the issues above.

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