Author’s response to reviews

Title: Posttraumatic venous gas in the liver - a case report and review of the current literature

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Reviewer reports:

Timothy Hardcastle (Reviewer 1):

1) The presentation is logical and the images enhance the presentation. The main issue I have is the English grammar that requires extensive copy-editing. The other issue is limited TRAUMA references - given there are other case reports on the this and similar topics. I refer the authors to Mayet M, Hardcastle TC, Muckart DJ. Benign portal venous gas after blunt abdominal trauma. Injury Extra 2011; 42: 189-191. doi:10.1016/j.injury.2011.06.422 and suggest they review the references there for a wider overview.

We included the suggested reference. Furthermore we included some more references about gas formations after blunt abdominal trauma and occurrence of gas within the liver (see new paragraph).

2) Finally some additional explanation of how the ultrasound findings are interpreted is important as "gas" is not usually visualised easily on a sonar.

We included a new paragraph to discuss the need of repetitive ultrasound examinations and the occurrence of hepatic gas after blunt abdominal trauma.

3) Thanks for the submission and the opportunity to review the case report. Please see the edited file to assist you with the grammar corrections.

We revised the manuscript as suggested. In addition we have sent the manuscript for further language revision to a professional editing service.
GIORGIO carlo GINESU, M.D. (Reviewer 2):
1) I would suggest an updating the references with further recently published case reports.

We updated the reference list and included recently published reports (Sapienza et al, Kawahara et al, Ginesu et al). In summary, there are only few reports about hepatic venous gas formations.