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Title: AN EXTREMELY RARE CASE OF AN OVERSIZED ACCESSORY SPLEEN: CASE REPORT AND REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

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Very sincerely

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Reviewer reports:

Marco Fisichella (Reviewer 1): I have do not find this case relevant and its management has been straightforward

Umberto Bracale (Reviewer 2): Thank you very much to give me the opportunity to revise this interesting manuscript.

However, in order to improve the quality of the paper, I suggest the following changes:

- in the discussion section, the initial part on which the Authors reported the definitions of Asplenia, hyposplenia, polysplenia and Splenosis seems to be unnecessary.

- the part of Medline review process could be better showed through a flow chart figure.

- We have added a flow chart as requested by the reviewer as a part of Medline review process.

- Concerning the first request of the reviewer we believe that a complete description of all the abnormalities of the spleen have to be clearly exposed especially in a review manuscript that can represent a point of reference for young reserchers. So we would kindly ask to mantain this part in th manuscript. If you think is not possible would you please comunicate with us and we will remove it suddenly.