Reviewer's report

Title: Ruptured Desmoid Tumor Imitating Acute Appendicitis – A Rare Reason for an Emergency Surgery

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It is certainly an interesting article but I believe that many things need to be revised even if the study looks well performed.

First of all, I found in the whole article both some grammar mistakes that must be corrected and, also, some sentences that need to be rephrased and rewritten because they are difficult to understand.

Secondly, my opinion is that before choosing to perform an urgent operation, an abdominal CT scan is always required. It could have shown the tumor and it could have given the possibility to operate the patient with a more specific diagnosis. Having said that, the paper clearly explained what is the best course of action when a soft-tissue tumor is suspected and why surgeons did not include further imaging tests in this specific case.

Moreover, despite the article claims that the desmoid tumors can rarely lead to acute surgical abdomen requiring an emergency operation, the literature has a consistent number of case reports about this topic. But even so, to the best of my knowledge, this is the very first reported case in which the disease mimicks acute appendicitis or cystitis, adding a relevant clinical manifestation that could be taken into consideration for further cases.

Finally, the authors reported a good number of references about the topic with related imaging.

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