Reviewer’s report

Title: Ectopic para-cardia bronchogenic cyst diagnosed as GIST before surgery—a case report

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This is a case report about a bronchogenic cyst arising in the lesser curvature near the cardia of the stomach. Although rare, most abdominal bronchogenic cysts are located in a triangle behind the stomach, the splenic vein inferiorly and the spleen/diaphragm superior/posteriorly. Thus they should be considered in the differential diagnosis of abdominal masses in this area. A comprehensive review of the literature about gastric bronchogenic cysts has been published in 2016 which includes 34 cases (doi: 10.3892/etm.2016.3067).

I appreciate the Authors' effort in putting together this manuscript, but I see several shortcomings that need to be addressed before it can be considered for publication.

The case should provide an advance in current knowledge.

Details about the surgical procedure are not reported.

With regard to diagnosis, would the Authors be able to perform MRI or endoscopic ultrasound-fine needle aspiration biopsy? The former may suggest the proteinaceous/mucinous fluid content of the cyst, while the latter has been reported to be used in the definitive diagnosis of gastric bronchogenic cysts.

In the discussion section, the diagnostic and therapeutic issues of bronchigenic cysts should be addressed comprehensively.

References should be appropriate.

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