Reviewer's report

Title: Branchial cysts: an unusual cause of a mediastinal mass: a case report

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Reviewer: Steven Goudy

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

yes

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

no

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

yes

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

in a limited fashion

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes

Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: No

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: Yes

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.:

no

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:


limited discussion about the nature and origin of lower neck branchial lesions

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?: unsure since there is limited information and little comparison

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:
it appears to be

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:
no competing interests