Reviewer’s report

Title: A preoperatively diagnosed advanced abdominal Pregnancy with a surviving Neonate: case report.

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Reviewer: Gwinyai Masukume

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

A case report on a very rare clinical entity.

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

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Thank you for asking me to peer review this manuscript.

The authors imply that Ethiopia is a low resource country. Ethiopia is classified as a low income country [http://data.worldbank.org/country/ethiopia].

What was the sex of the newborn? Is it possible to give the actual APGAR scores?
The definition of abdominal pregnancy that the authors use is not the most widely used. Most classification/definition systems use a fetus growing and developing outside the uterus, etc. and the authors do not mention that broad ligament pregnancies are excluded from the definition – please may the authors see the definition in reference three that they cite (Nkusu Nunyalulendho D & Einterz EM) http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19053177.

The estimated incidence varies quite widely depending on geographical location, driven by prevalence of sexually transmitted infections, sophistication of the health care system and so on, thus mentioning one figure for the incidence can be misleading.

Fetal and foetal are interchanged in the manuscript.

“It is widely accepted that the treatment of advanced abdominal pregnancy is immediate surgery …” Before this statement, the authors write, “The clinical presentation is variable and the optimal approach to the evaluation and management of abdominal pregnancy is not well determined.” There are case reports where expectant management of such pregnancies was advocated and successful, thus it cannot be a widely accepted standard of care to advocate immediate surgery in all cases (Masukume https://www.webmedcentral.com/article_view/4510). The authors do touch on this point, but not adequately in my view. I would suggest the authors read and cite the aforementioned reference.

I would suggest the authors also cite more recent similar cases from the literature:
http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1752-1947-7-10
http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2014/102479
http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ajem.2014.03.041

I was unable to view the video.

Warm regards,
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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests