Reviewer’s report

Title: Sclerosing angiomatoid nodular transformation of the spleen mimicking metastasis of melanoma: a case report and review of the literature

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Reviewer: Benoit Blondeau

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1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

Yes

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Yes

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- Main symptoms of the patient

- Medical, family and psychosocial history

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- Diagnostic methods
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e. Types and mechanism of intervention

f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits

Comments: Yes, the presentation is well done.

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

Comments:

Indeed the essence of this article is the decision making and the intellectual and scientific path from identification of the lesion to action, according to oncological standards.

6. Is the anonymity of the patient protected? Please consider any identifying information in images such as facial features or nametags, whether the patient is named etc. If not, please detail below.

Yes
7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?

Comments: Yes

8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?

Comments: Yes to the literature of case reports.

9. Additional comments for the author(s)?

Interesting article, thank you for allowing me to review it.

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