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: Sumanta Dey

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1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

Yes

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e. Types and mechanism of intervention

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1. Do not start with "4 years ago...". You may start with, "A 43 year old male presented with splenic mass 4 years ago ...."

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3. What was the advantage of doing CEUS over basic USG in delineation splenic lesion?

4. Why CT and MRI both were done for that patient? PET-CT scan (whole body) would have been enough to rule out metastasis.

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   Comments: Yes

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   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

9. Additional comments for the author(s)?

One intra-operative/gross specimen (spleen) photo would be good if you can include

A rare disease entity and very nicely written.

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