Reviewer's report

Title: Gallbladder ascariasis among children in Kosovo

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yes

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Comments:

The authors have hidden the details of patients from the images they provided. The authors declared that they have taken the written consent from legal guardians and copy is with Editor.

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   Comments:

    yes

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Comments:

yes

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Comments:

Since the authors conclude that abdominal ultrasound are conclusive for diagnosis, therefore they need to provide conclusive images of gall bladder ascariasis to make this contribution useful to medical literature.

9. Additional comments for the author(s)? The Author

The authors described images characteristic of ascariasis. Fig 1,2,3,4 show the echogenic gall bladder luminal content without shadowing, but tubular structure with anechoic lumen characteristic of ascariasis were not represented in the images provided. Please therefore provide good images characteristic of gall bladder ascariasis

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