Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous Posterior Rectus Sheath Hernia: Case Report

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Reviewer: SM Ali

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   - Main symptoms of the patient
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Not mentioned

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- Diagnostic methods

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- Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable

Well explained

e. Types and mechanism of intervention

No intervenrion

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

Not mentioned

Comments:

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Comments:

Overall rare finding

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Yes/No
Yes

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Comments:
Yes

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