Reviewer’s report

Title: CASE REPORT : EPIDERMOID INCLUSION CYST OF THE CLITORIS AS A LONG TERM COMPLICATION OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

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Reviewer: Courtney Gustin

Reviewer's report:

1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

Yes

2. Do you have any ethical concerns? Please consider if local Institutional Review Board approval or ethical approval was obtained (if appropriate) and if the patient (or their parent or guardian in the case of children under 18) gave written, informed consent to publish this case and any accompanying images. A statement to this effect should appear in the manuscript.

Comments:

The consent statement from the patient is present. There is no IRB or other approval statement. No other ethical concerns.

3. Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?

The introduction could be improved upon by discussing more specifically the current importance of the issue, prevalence of this type of cyst in the general population, or of FGM overall. Also could address in more detail the diagnostic challenges alluded to in the first paragraph or rephrase to include cultural barriers or other challenges since in reality the diagnosis seems straightforward as presented in the case study and diagnostic challenges did not feature broadly in this case.

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a. The relevant patient information, including:

- De-identified demographic information (age, gender, ethnicity)
- Main symptoms of the patient
- Medical, family and psychosocial history
- Relevant past interventions and their outcomes

b. The relevant physical examination findings

c. Important dates and times in this case (if appropriate, organized as a timeline via a figure or table); if specific dates could lead to patient identification, consider including time relevant to initial presentation, i.e. initial presentation at T = 0, follow up at T = 1 month.

d. Diagnostic assessments, including:
   - Diagnostic methods
   - Challenges (e.g., financial, language/cultural)
   - Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable

e. Types and mechanism of intervention

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

Comments: The article is inclusive of this information.

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

Comments:

Yes, the discussion section is very effective in demonstrating the relevance of this issue to practitioners who may not routinely face complications of FGM.

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

9. Additional comments for the author(s)? Would suggest review by an English language editor for minor corrections

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