Reviewer’s report

Title: Isolated Congenital Inter-costal Pulmonary Hernia (ICIPH): A case report

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Reviewer: E E Detorakis

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Yes

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e. Types and mechanism of intervention YES

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