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Multicystic biliary hamartoma (von Meyenburg complex) a rare liver lesion that has been described as a distinct entity from other previously classified hepatobiliary cystic lesions. Symptomatic cases are rare, and esophageal varices typically are not noted. I know of only 1 case identified in the English medical literature (S. Yoshida et al. DOI: 10.1111/j.1478-3231.2008.01903.x). In the case submitted for review, the authors described the classic imaging features of von Meyenburg complex detected by computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography. However, the lack of histological verification of the diagnosis significantly reduces its quality. Firstly, it is generally thought that the persistence of immature duct elements stimulates the formation of portal fibrous tissue. Therefore, if fibrosis by von Meyenburg complex occurs in all or extensive portal vein area it might contribute to portal hypertension. In addition, multicystic biliary hamartoma should be carefully differentiated from a variety of other neoplastic and non-neoplastic hepatobiliary cystic lesions.

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Report of a 40 years old patient presenting with signs of portal hypertension, gastroesophageal vatical bleeding and multiple irregular, round lesions in the liver. Although not definitely proven, the authors present their observations as a rare case of complicated biliary hamartoma, type Von Meyenburg complexes. Points of critique: The diagnosis is incomplete, no liver biopsy was made, thus neither the lesions nor the "regular" liver tissue was investigated histologically. Therefore the case report in its core message is only speculative. The CASE SUMMARY describes the case presenting with hematochezia. Hematochezia means fresh, red, bloody stools, which is not typical for gastroesophageal bleeding sources. Maybe the authors use melena and hematochezia synonymously, which is not correct. The CASE PRESENTATION describes twice observations of September 20, 2018 but it is not clear, whether the second gastroscopy was a follow-up after the initial intervention on the same day. If so, the time interval and indication should be given. More disturbing is the wording "Thus, our endoscopist did not undergo endoscopic variceal therapy. Meant is probably that the endoscopist did not perform an endoscopic therapy on the patient (and not on himself). The DISCUSSION explains why the liver could not be biopsied, but the reference list is not up to date. The most recent reference dates from 2015, although several papers have been published on this topic more recently, for instance "Magnetic resonance imaging of fibropolycystic liver disease: the spectrum of ductal plate malformations. *Abdom Radiol (NY)*, 2019 Jun; 44(6):2156-2171."

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