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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a well-written manuscript describing US, CT and MRI findings of a case with a presumptive diagnosis of hepatic sparganosis. While the case is nicely described and good images are provided, the lack of a definitive histopathological diagnosis is indeed an important limitation. Association of a positive ELISA test and the hepatic mass, in the absence of histopathological confirmation, is merely an association and does not imply in any causality. Although I agree that in this clinical scenario hepatic sparganosis can be considered the most likely diagnosis, the additional fact that such imaging findings cannot be considered pathognomonic makes mandatory (at least) to highlight throughout the whole paper (from title to discussion) that this is only a presumptive diagnosis. Notwithstanding, the rarity of imaging findings of such diagnosis in the radiological literature may overcome this limitation and warrant publication. Finally, does the authors have some hypothesis to explain why sparganosis is so rare in the liver? If so, they could add this to the text.



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**Major Comment:** This is an interesting manuscript; its main drawbacks are that, as a case report, it is of limited scientific value, and that the diagnosis of sparganosis is not definitely proven in the presented patient. The latter fact should lead to a more cautious presentation. **Minor Comment:**

Figure legend 1D: "-22 Hounsfield unit" -> -22 Hounsfield units