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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good report

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The authors have described in details regarding splenic hamartoma, especially its histopathological aspect which is a very nice summary. However, other clinical information are significantly lacking and there are a number of major problems which need to be taken care of. 1. The title "Asymptomatic splenic hamartoma presenting as a metastatic malignancy" is misleading and constitutes major flaw. I was anticipating a case of disseminated malignancy with splenic mass (hence seemingly splenic metastasis as well). However, it turns out that this was an incidental finding only. Therefore the title needs to be revised. 2. The authors stressed the importance in distinguishing hamartoma from malignancy, but never address this issue in the script. Please explain briefly on how one may differentiate hamartoma from malignancy or vice versa radiologically or clinically. 3. If all the initial investigation results point towards benign splenic tumor, I wonder why surgery was performed, and based on what ground was this decision being made? Please kindly explain. 4. Please also discuss briefly the management of splenic hamartoma. Is surgery a standard treatment? Can it be left alone? What is the natural history course?