



REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55210

Title: Prenatal cystic abdominal mass revealing an encysted meconium peritonitis

Recommendation:

- ✓ Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

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Date: 13.12.25

Detailed Reviewer's Report

1. Strengths of the Paper

- **Comprehensive Case Description** The paper provides a detailed account of the prenatal diagnosis, imaging findings, surgical intervention, and postoperative outcome, offering valuable insights into the management of encysted meconium peritonitis.
- **Integration of Multimodal Imaging** The report highlights the importance of various imaging modalities such as ultrasound, X-ray, and CT scan, illustrating their roles in accurate diagnosis and planning.
- **Timely Surgical Intervention** It emphasizes the significance of prompt surgical management in improving neonatal outcomes, which is critical in this condition.
- **Clear Illustrations** The inclusion of labeled figures enhances understanding of the clinical and imaging findings.
- **Relevant Literature Context** The paper references recent and pertinent studies, situating its findings within current diagnostic and management strategies.

2. Weaknesses of the Paper

- **Limited Sample Size** As a single case report, the findings have limited generalizability and do not explore variations in presentation or management.
- **Lack of Long-term Follow-Up** The report does not provide information about the long-term prognosis or subsequent developmental outcomes.
- **Insufficient Discussion on Differential Diagnosis** There is limited discussion on how to differentiate encysted meconium peritonitis from similar neonatal abdominal conditions.
- **Absence of Ethical Clearance Statement** The paper does not mention whether ethical approval or informed consent was obtained for publishing the case details.
- **Formatting and Flow** Some figures are referenced but not embedded directly, and consistent formatting throughout the text could be improved for better readability.

3. Reviewer Comments

- **Ethical Clearance:** It is essential to mention whether ethical approval or parental consent was obtained for publication, especially when presenting patient-specific data and images. This information is currently absent.
- **Issues in Methodology:** As a case report, the methodology is primarily descriptive. However, more detailed information regarding the decision-making process for choosing surgical intervention and postoperative management would enhance clarity.

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- **Typographical Mistakes:** Minor typographical errors are present, e.g., inconsistent spacing and some awkward phrasing, which should be polished.
- **Grammar and English Quality:** Overall, the language is clear, but some sentences could benefit from grammatical revisions to improve flow and professionalism.
- **Formatting:** Figures are referenced but not embedded within the text, which affects visual comprehension. Standardized formatting and consistent figure placement are recommended.
- **Clarity of Objectives, Results, and Conclusion:** The objectives and results are clearly presented. The conclusion effectively summarizes the case and emphasizes key learning points.
- **References:** The references are appropriate and recent, supporting the discussion; however, formatting of references should adhere to journal standards.
- **Incomplete Information:** Details such as intraoperative findings, specific postoperative care, and long-term follow-up assessments are missing but would add valuable depth.