A Rare Diagnosis in a Routine Checkup

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Clinical Image description

A 56 years old woman presented for a routine checkup in medicine OPD. There were no symptoms suggestive of any underlying disease. Her physical examinations were also normal. Hematological, biochemical investigation reports were within normal limit. Ultra-sonogram of whole abdomen showed a mass in the upper abdomen adjacent to left lobe of the liver. Differentials were accessory left lobe of liver, left adrenal mass, carcinoma of the colon. A well defined triangular isolated almost liver density area noted below the left lobe of liver in CT abdomen (Figure 1). It was completely separated from liver and anterior to pancreas and lesser curvature having separate arterial supply from Coeliac trunk.

Accessory lobe of the liver

Accessory lobe of the liver is a rare clinical entity. In a review it was found that the incidence of accessory lobe of the liver was 0.09%. The most common site for accessory liver lobe is gall bladder area [1]. Most of this accessory liver lobe is small and asymptomatic. In a few percentages of people abdominal pain was presenting complaints [2,3]. It may cause confusion when images are interpreted as a solid mass lesion. Although a rare entity accessory liver lobe radiologists should be aware of it.

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