



PATIENT

Angel-CAH Skylar

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

16 yo FS DSH, fractious, was sedated with dexdomitor and butorphanol. History of weight loss. Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: USG: 1.20

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

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The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

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Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.58 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.16 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

7.44 Pounds

Adrenal Glands

The region of left adrenal (Cranial to left renal artery) is unremarkable but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

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The region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size. The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and mildly mottled, the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is mildly hyperechoic and homogenous in echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There is a small hypoechoic nodule visualized within the hepatic parenchyma measuring 0.48 cm.

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The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

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Gastrointestinal

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The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.36cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

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The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal to slightly increased. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering, but some areas display a prominent muscularis layer which does not display the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Jejunum wall measured 0.23 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

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Pancreas

The pancreas is prominent and hypoechoic as compared to the surrounding isoechoic mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

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Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. An occasional prominent mesenteric lymph node is visualized. One measured 0.31 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Prominent muscularis layer in the small intestine – The small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease) with a low possibility of emerging lymphoma.
- Hypoechoic nodule visualized within the liver – This lesion has a somewhat benign appearance, but an underlying neoplastic process cannot be excluded as a possibility.
- Hypoechoic, prominent pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with mild pancreatitis or a recent episode of pancreatic inflammation.
- Prominent mesenteric lymph node – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.
- Mildly mottled spleen – The diffuse splenic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No large focal lesions involving the gastrointestinal tract are observed. The small intestine does appear somewhat subjectively thickened with a prominent muscularis layer, which can be associated with inflammation or less likely an underlying neoplastic process. Overall, there is not a significant mesenteric lymphadenopathy, but occasional prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized. Additionally, the pancreas is somewhat prominent.

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- Recommend a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine.

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- Evaluate baseline bloodwork and thyroid levels for any abnormalities. If liver enzymes are



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elevated, consider a fine needle aspirate of the liver. A fine needle aspirate could also be considered due to the hypoechoic nodule visualized. In the very least, this lesion should be monitored.

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- Consider a fine needle aspirate of the spleen.
- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet.

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- Recommend 3-view thoracic radiographs.
- If weight loss persists and there is no other identifiable cause for the weight loss reported, then consider obtaining GI biopsies.

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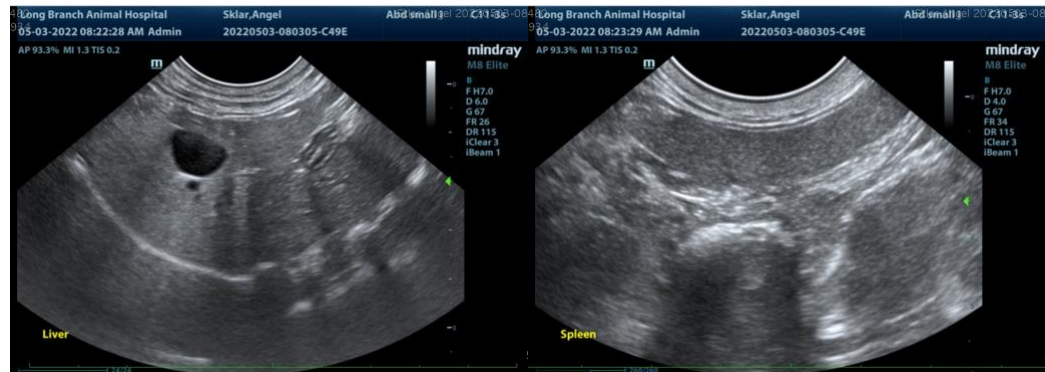
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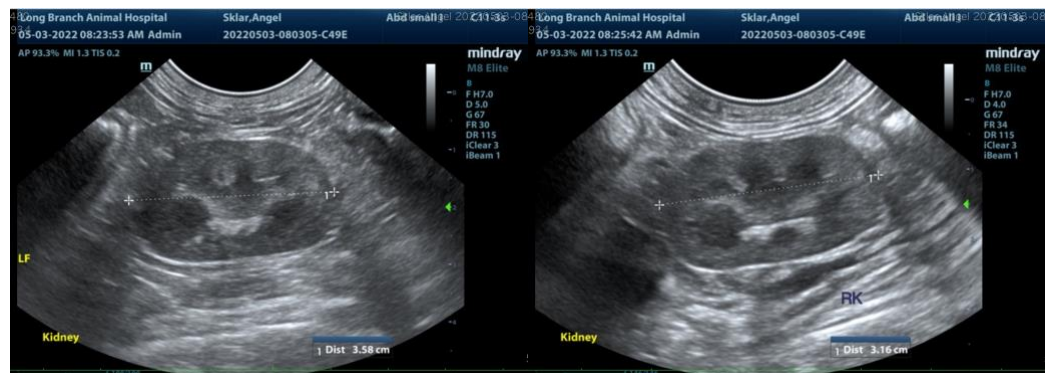
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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