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Mimi Zheng

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Patient presents for suspicion of mid-abdominal mass. No current meds.
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 161, creat. 2.6, PSL 39, SDMA 21.3. USG: 1.027.

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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.

SEX

Neutered Male

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.68 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

14 Years

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.98 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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11 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.

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.

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Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size, echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There is a hyperechoic lesion visualized within the splenic parenchyma measuring 0.78 cm.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

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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 mild and primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

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Gastrointestinal

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 relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. The duodenum measured as normal (between 0.13-0.38cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (between 0.15-0.36cm.)

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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.

Pancreas

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There is a large mass effect within the mid abdomen that either obscures the pancreas or originates from it. This mass is further described under "other".

Free Abdomen

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Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There are several prominent mesenteric lymph nodes visualized. One of the larger lymph nodes appear somewhat cystic and measures 2.34 cm x 1.67 cm.

Other

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There is a large, mid to cranial abdominal heterogeneous, lobulated, hypoechoic mass effect that appears to possibly have some cystic regions and some mineralized areas. This mass lesion measures >4.74 cm x 4.87 cm. The source of this lesion is uncertain. Consider possible pancreatic origin, an effaced lymph node, or bowel mass.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Hyperechoic lesion visualized within the spleen – This could represent a benign or neoplastic lesion. Consider fine needle aspirate.
- Heterogeneous liver – Hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with inflammation/infection (cholangiohepatitis), infiltrative neoplasia, lipidosis or other hepatopathy.
- Large, lobulated, heterogeneous, and hypoechoic abdominal mass – The origin of this lesion is unclear. It could be pancreatic in origin, but other possibilities exist.
- Moderate mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The moderate mesenteric lymphadenopathy is most concerning for a neoplastic process, although you can see significant lymphadenopathy in some cases of autoimmune/inflammatory disease, infectious disease (tick born disease-such as bartonella, fungal infections, FIP (cats)) etc. A fine needle aspirate with cytology is recommended for further evaluation.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The origin of the large irregular abdominal mass is not 100% clear. It is in the region of the pancreas, and normal pancreas cannot be seen, so that would be my primary differential. Recommend a fine needle aspirate of this mass effect and 3-view thoracic radiographs. If a cytologic diagnosis cannot be obtained, surgical biopsy/resection may be considered. If exploratory is not desired, then you could consider an abdominal CT scan for surgical planning.

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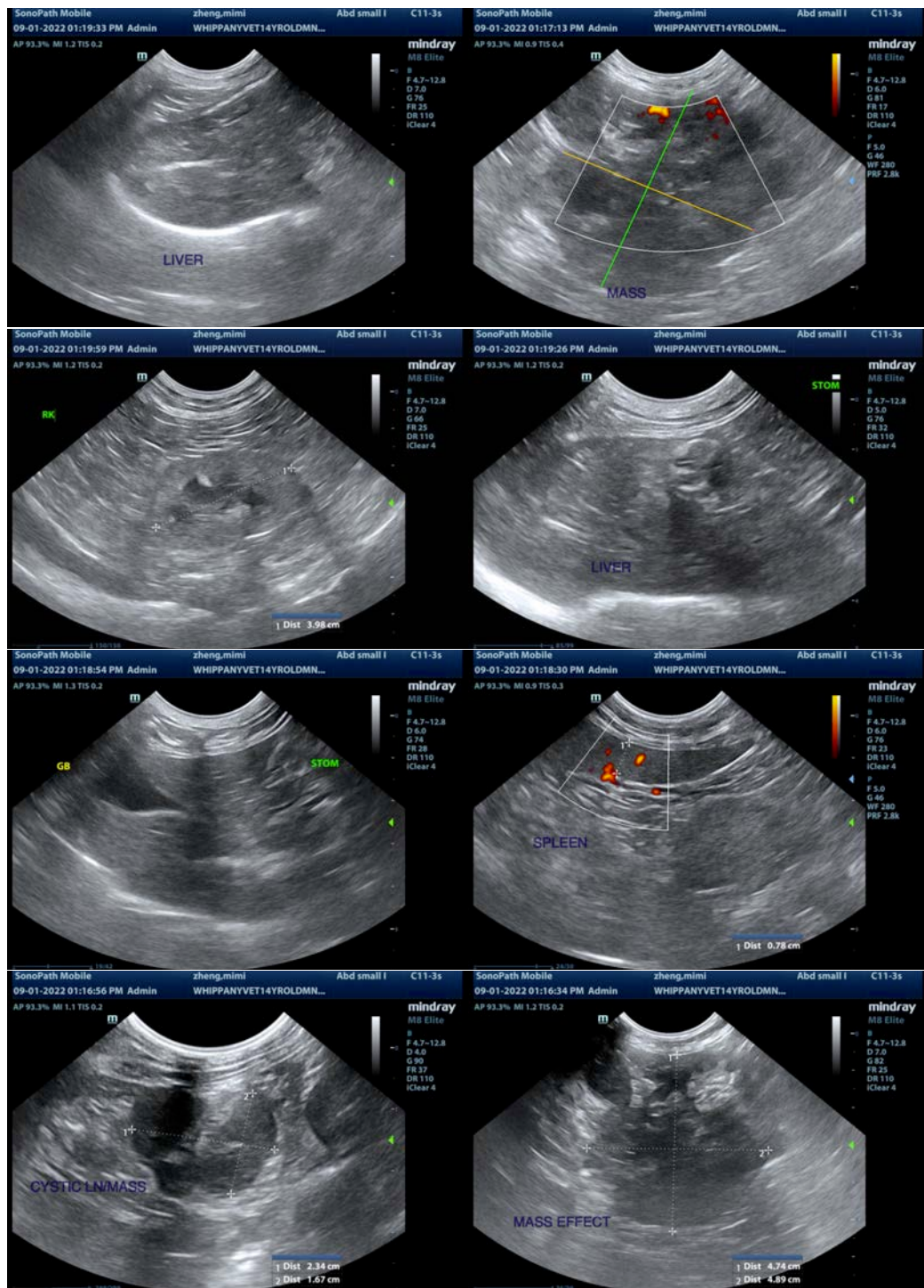
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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