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## Atypical presentation of mature teratoma mimicking hydatidosis

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Suspicion of a thoracic echinococcosis by radiologic findings (Figs. 1 and 2) in a 38-year-old asymptomatic Swiss woman with periodical stays in India. An antihelminthic 2-week therapy was followed by surgical resection, strictly

avoiding dissemination. Surprisingly, the cyst contained hair and seborrhoeic liquid. Histological confirmation of a mature teratoma.



Fig. 1. Chest X-ray shows an apparent elevation of left hemidiaphragm.



Fig. 2. CT scan reveals a large liquid mass in the left lower hemithorax with the aspect of a hydatid cyst containing daughter cysts.

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