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Figure 1. Preoperative chest computed tomography image: Diaphragmatic hydatid cyst and old liver cystic lesion is seen.

Figure 2. Peroperative images. Diaphragmatic hydatid cyst(A) and, Germinative membrane(B).

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