

## Hydatid liver cysts: Gharbi classification

- The aim was to classify the sonographic patterns of hydatid cysts and to follow the natural evolution of pathology
- The authors believe that the different types correspond to different stages in the evolution of liver hydatid cysts
- Type I is the most common, type V is very rare
- Patients may have more than one of the different types of cysts

Gharbi classification	
Pure fluid collection	Type I
Fluid collection with a split wall	Type II
Fluid collection with septa	Type III
Heterogenous echo patterns. (1) Hypoechoic appearance (2) Hyperechoic solid pattern without back wall shadow (3) Intermediate pattern	Type IV
Reflecting thick wall	Type V

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