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Peer Review Report for "Obturator Hernia with Meckel's Diverticulum Mimicking Incarcerated Small Bowel Hernia: A Case Report"

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Revision (0)

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Amir Reza Radmard: Associate Editor | Revision (0) 22 May 2020

Dear EIC,
This manuscript reports a case of obturator hernia containing Meckel's diverticulum in a 76 Y/O female patient presenting as bowel obstruction. There are very few reports of this combination (Littre hernia) in literature and this case is well described and presented. The figures are relatively appropriate with proper quality. Some minor points should be added:
1- Please include a figure showing distal collapsed ileal loops in the CT scan to better display the obstructive effect of the hernia. Because the Meckel's diverticulum had only been herniated into the obturator foramen not the entire circumference of the bowel segment to make an obstruction.
2- Please use the pre-contrast CT images in case of availability, to show underlying mural hemorrhage in the wall of the diverticulum.
3- There is another similar published paper in this field (PMID: 19503657) that needs to be added to the references and discussion.
4- In line 7 of the abstract, the word "in" should be replaced by "is".
5- In the third paragraph of "case presentation" please use "general surgeon" instead of "GS surgeon".
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (0)** 23 May 2020

Dear Authors,

Your article needs Minor Revision.

Regards

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

To the reviewers and editor-in-chief,

Thank you for your detailed and considerate review on the submitted case report. We've added replies to the concerned points and made corrections to our report accordingly.

Manuscript ID: 102908

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Reviewers' Comments:

Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:
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- > We replaced the CT image that better shows obstructive effect of the hernia and added more arrows to help understanding (Figure 1C).

2- Please use the precontrast CT images in case of availability, to show underlying mural hemorrhage in the wall of diverticulum.
- > The precontrast CT image was available, and we've included it with descriptions to show suspicious mural hemorrhage in the diverticular wall (Figure 1D).

3- There is another similar published paper in this filed (PMID: 19503657) which needs to be added to the references and discussion.
- > We checked the literature and added it to the references and discussion (reference number 3).

4- In line 7 of abstract, the word "in" should be replaced by "is".
- > Correction was made.

5- In third paragraph of "case presentation" please use "general surgeon" instead of "GS surgeon".

- > Correction was made.

EIC Decision:

Dear authors,
Your article needs Minor Revision.
Regards

Thank you.

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Amir Reza Radmard: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 5 Jun 2020

Dear EIC,
The suggested corrections and modifications have been done perfectly and the manuscript could be accepted for publication in IJR.
Sincerely,

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 30 Jun 2020

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) — 1 Jul 2020

Dear Authors,
Your article is acceptable for the publication in IJR.
Regards