Reviewer's report

Title: Bowel necrosis following endovascular revascularization for chronic mesenteric ischemia: report of a case and review of literatures

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Takuro Shirasu et al. present a case of distal embolization with consecutive bowel necrosis after endovascular revascularization for chronic mesenteric ischemia. The report is of educational value as it emphasizes this complication in a good way.

I. Major comments (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. There are several grammatical errors in the manuscript. I propose to find a native English speaker to improve the manuscript.

2. The authors contributions section is awkward. No research had to be designed and no data had to be analyzed for this case report. Perhaps only TS, AH and TM should be mentioned as authors, as obviously only they made essential contributions to this case report?

II. Minor comments / suggestions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Abstract Background

The statement in the second sentence is neither wrong nor right. Several possible complications of endovascular revascularization for chronic mesenteric ischemia have been emphasized in the literature that is cited. I propose to write explicitly that intestinal necrosis due to distal embolization has not been emphasized yet.

III. Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

1. Title

I propose to write: „review of literature“ instead of „review of literatures“.

2. Abstract Case presentation

The last sentence can be omitted, as the information is redundant and it indeed is a conclusion. Additionally the conjugation of the verb “to be” is wrong.
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests