Reviewer's report

Title: Acute gastric dilatation due to a superior mesenteric artery syndrome: an autopsy case

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Authors reply for my major comment 3 is not appropriate.
I think whether patient have reduced motility or peristalsis cannot be assessed by autopsy finding. Motility abnormality should be assessed by functional test.
In present case, in clinically, she showed no evidence for decreased motility because she had no previous gastrointestinal symptoms and was well nourished.
So it cannot be definitely stated as she have impaired motility.
In addition, SMA syndrome is a anatomical disease, not a motility disorder.
So it is better to write like as "The root of the mesentery was thickened and adhered to the duodenum, which reduced duodenal diameter. By this luminal narrowing, excessive food bolus obstruct duodenum easily, which enhance gastric dilation and cause sudden obstructive symptom.

- My English is not good, so you can rewrite above sentence.

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

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'