Reviewer's report

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

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The author has revised the report as per objections except for the term “intrinsic peritonitis”.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The author still mentions that circumscribed peritoneal dense fibrosis, periduodenal scarring and pulled up root of mesentery were due to “intrinsic peritonitis”. It is again emphasized that neither there is any term like “intrinsic peritonitis” in the literature nor any cross reference has been provided in the text for this term. Instead, these pathological findings can be explained on the basis of long standing partial obstruction of 3rd part of duodenum due to SMA syndrome leading to hypertrophy, fibrosis and periduodenal scarring. The eating of large meal of roast meat and vegetables might have precipitated the acute obstruction and consequent acute gastric dilatation.

Minor Essential Revisions
In reference section, for reference number 7 and 8 only first page of the article has been mentioned.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'