Reviewer's report

Title: Acute mesenteric ischaemia and duodenal ulcer perforation: A unique double pathology

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Haruna and colleagues present a case with the rare simultaneous occurrence of two rather frequent clinical entities, which is acute bowel ischemia and perforated ulcer disease.

I am not entirely sure if this paper is really interesting for the readers of BMC Surgery. Although I am not a native speaker, I found the paper rather clumsily written, with some mistakes and misuse of medical terminology.

The conclusions drawn from the paper are not really helpful for clinical practice. I could not see what is suggested to be learned from this case. A case report is of value, if the individual experience by the authors helps the readers to improve the approach to the entity. This paper is rather limited in this respect, because it results in vague speculations.

My recommendation is to REJECT the paper, as it is of limited academic and clinical value and use for the readers of BMC Surgery.

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