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Title: Intractable Duodenal Ulcer Caused by Transmural Migration of Gossypiboma into Duodenum - A Case Report and Literature Review

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point-by-point description of the changes

Reviewer: Joachim Reibetanz

Major Compulsory Revisions:
Yes, observation is not a useful option in case of gossypiboma and is rarely supported by literature. The conclusion was revised. However, according to the literature, 46 cases of transmural migration of gossypiboma into the GI tract have been reported. In three patients, the surgical sponge passed spontaneously through the rectum. If the endoscopy fails to retrieve the gossypiboma and the patient is really asymptomatic, conservative treatment with close observation could be considered as an option. Surgical intervention is still indicated if the sponges failed to expel spontaneously.

Minor Points:

This manuscript has been revised by a professional language editor in my hospital on March 29, 2014.

Discretionary Revisions:
These cases are summarized in Table 2.

Reviewer: Asif Ayaz

Major revision
Operative pictures are provided in the revised manuscript.

Minor revision
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