Author’s response to reviews

Title: Cotton Bezoar a rare cause of intestinal obstruction - case report with review of literature .

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Dear Sir/Madam,
I have made the desired changes in the manuscript based on the reviewers reports. The delay was essentially because of the second reviewers report coming by mail as hard copy. The second reviewer (Mr Frank Tovey) was kind enough to make the changes including the typographical and grammatical changes in the hard copy itself. His kindness is deeply appreciated. The changes in the manuscript recommended by him have been made in the revised manuscript.

As for the changes based on the first reviewer the point by point reply and the changes made in the manuscript are as follows:
Reviewer 1:
Dear sir,
I thank you for your observations and would like to submit the following for your kind consideration.
1) Your point is well taken and I agree with you that there are case reports of cotton ball phyto bezoars in the literature. The desired changes have been made in the paragraph (last para of the manuscript page 5). The paragraph has been redesigned.
2) The correlation with the Rapunzel syndrome was done on account of a similarity in the form of the intestinal bezoar tailing off in the transverse colon. The desired changes in the manuscript have been made. ["The rupenzal of a different kind"]
3) This patient presented to us as an emergency and was an operative surprise. She was taken up for surgery with a clinical diagnosis of acute intestinal obstruction. It was not feasible though desirable to perform endoscopy in this patient due to non availability of the facility in the emergency scenario. Since the suspicion index of finding a parent bezoar in the stomach was high and palpation of the stomach on table could not rule out a stomach bezoar a gastrotomy had to be done. The endoscopy was however done in the postoperative period to rule out a stomach bezoar and it was a normal study. I agree with you about the added risk of gastrotomy. The paragraph has thus been modified and a reference added to mention the role of both endoscopy and gastrotomy in the detection and retrieval of a concomitant gastric bezoar [Page 5 line 5].
4) References have been added in the background as recommended.
5) I have completed the line on mortality. I am sorry it was a typographical error. It reads now as De Bakey and Oschner reported an operative mortality of 10.4% [10] [ last line page 4].
6) The titles have been added for the mentioned references. However since I have added a few more references the numbers would be different [7 reads as 1 and 3 as 5].
7) We have made an effort to correct the typographical and grammatical errors.

I once again thank you on behalf of all the authors for your valuable observations and suggestions. With kind regards
Yours sincerely