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Title: Large bowel stenosis caused by intrauterine contraceptive device-associated pelvic actinomycosis: a case report.

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Dear editors,

I would appreciate very much if you could consider the enclosed manuscript entitled "Large bowel stenosis caused by intrauterine contraceptive device-associated pelvic actinomycosis: Report of a case" for publication in "Journal of Medical Case Reports".

In this case report, we presented an interesting case of pelvic actinomycosis that was correctly diagnosed from the history of IUD usage as a clue. The female patient manifested severe bowel obstructive symptoms and had a huge abscess in the pelvis, but our treatment strategy resulted in shrinkage of the abscess and could spare her from aggressive surgical intervention. As mentioned in the text, only 17% of this entity is diagnosable without radical surgery. Moreover, size reduction in the abscess by antibiotics was striking, although we do not show the MR images after the treatment due to the limited number of figures. Collectively, we believe that our rare case is suitable for the journal.

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Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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