Reviewer's report

Title: Acute small bowel obstruction as a result of a Meckel's diverticulum encircling the terminal ileum: A case report

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Reviewer: Ronald McCoy

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General

Excellent case presentation. While the condition is rare, the diagnostic lessons of this particular case are illustrative of good basic concepts of history taking and physical examination. In addition, the images submitted are highly illustrative of the diagnostic process involved.

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Revisions necessary for publication

Avoid the use of the term "virgin abdomen". Suggest use alternative such as "in a person with no previous abdominal pathology or surgery" or how you see appropriate.

Small typographical error - page 4 "12-hours" shoud read 12 hours.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable