Author's response to reviews

Title: Rare ileal localization of angiolipoma presenting as chronic haemorrhage and severe anemia: Case report

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Dear Editor,

We want to clarify that the manuscript titled “Ileal Angiolipoma presenting as acute hemorrhage” in Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2007, 5:A26 has been published as “Imagine of the month” and then it focuses only on the use of capsule endoscopy. So we think there are no overlap between the two manuscripts.

We already sent our manuscript to International Science Editing (a web site suggested by You) before our submission for an English language revision.

Reply to Reviewer n° 1, Jesse Lachter:

1. We have eliminated 3 physicians as authors and we have included their names in the Acknowledgements.
2. We know the double-balloon enteroscopy but it is a technique not in use in our Department. Anyway it was about a sessile polypoid neoplasm covered by strongly congested and hypervascularized mucosa that didn’t allow to carry out an endoscopic biopsy and/or excision of the lesion.

Reply to Reviewer n° 2, Ash Prabhu-Desai:

1. We emphasised more clearly the application of capsule endoscopy in the manuscript published as “Image of the month” in Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2007, 5:A26.
2. We agree there is no difference in risk between an enterotomy and a small bowel resection, but we decided for enterotomy only for a personal choice.
4. There is a known association between aortic stenosis and colonic angiodysplasia, but there is no known association between gastrointestinal angiolipoma and coronary/peripheral arterial disease.
5. We know the double-balloon enteroscopy but it is a technique not in use in our Department. Besides the respiratory insufficiency of the patient was a contraindication for the laparoscopic resection.

In our re-submission we made a structure revision, we avoided the use of abbreviations and included the ASA status of the patient (ASA status IV).

I appreciate your consideration for publication.

Thank you.

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