Reviewer's report

Title: Retention of foreign body in the gut can be a sign of congenital obstructive anomaly: a case report

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I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The article describes an interesting case report. The clinical case should be shorten and more concise. The use of other diagnostic tools such as CT scan or X ray with oral contrast enhancement should be discussed and the literature should be reviewed (see for example CT enterography as a diagnostic tool in evaluating small bowel disorders: review of clinical experience with over 700 cases. Radiographics. 2006;26:641-57 discussion 657-62).


In conclusion the case report is interesting and raises the important problem of the early and correct diagnosis and management of the foreign body in the gut recently discussed in several articles (see for example Silent disease revealed by a fruit--ileal obstruction.
Pediatr Emerg Care. 2007;23:106-8) however the discussion should be improved and supported by an accurate review of more recent literature.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I have no competing interests