Author's response to reviews

Title: Bezoar in gastro-jejunostomy presenting with symptoms of gastric outlet obstruction: case report and review of the literature

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Dear Editor,

Bezoar in gastro-jejunostomy presenting with symptoms of gastric outlet obstruction: case report and review of the literature. Edmund Leung, Ruth Barnes, Ling Wong
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Please find attached revised manuscript. Below lists point-by-point response to the concerns raised by reviewer Mr Kumar.

1) The title has changed to be more accurate to the account of the case report:

“Bezoar in gastro-jejunostomy presenting with symptoms of gastric outlet obstruction: case report and review of the literature”

Mr Kumar is indeed correct to point out that the lady in the case report did not have gastric outlet obstruction, but symptoms and signs of it. In the second paragraph of the “Discussion” section, the comment has been corrected.

2) In paragraph of 6 and 7 of the “Case Report” section, it is now made clearer that the reason of enterotomy was secondary to failed external milking and breaking up of the bezoar, which was just too hard. It was, in fact, in whole. It was so hard that it had to be hammered open for the figure shown in the manuscript.

I hope you will find the article now more coherent, persuasive and worthy of reporting. The case report illustrated the occasional requirement for surgical intervention, which includes enterotomy. Advice regarding avoidance of formation of bezoar in high risk patients could potentially prevent the need for surgical intervention - good clinical practice.

Thank you for the positive comments from Dr Vanella, who has not required further revision. Should either reviewer require further revisions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Edmund Leung