Author's response to reviews

Title: Low Spigelian Hernia in a 6 year-old boy presented as incarcerated inguinal hernia: a case report.

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Cover Letter

Dear Editors

Thank you for your interest in our work. Attached you can find the reviewers requests as well as the answer to their suggestions.

Reviewer: Amin Gohary
Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease
Has the case been reported coherently?: No
Is the case report authentic?: Yes
Is the case report ethical?: Yes
Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No
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
Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes
Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests

The manuscript was edited extensively. The changes are marked with red in the submitted text.

Reviewer: Antonios Vezakis
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Comments to authors:
Abstract: Case presentation, line 5: “presented mild pain during palpation and he operated”. It would be better “suffered (or experienced) mild pain during palpation and he had an operation”
Use low or lower, because otherwise it makes confusion.
Case presentation
Line 9: “finally the patient operated”. It would be better “the patient was operated”
Line 10: “The hernia sac ……”. It would be better “The hernia sac was found to penetrate from a small defect (with an estimated diameter of 1.5 cm)”
Line 12: “The low Spigelian hernia orifice is ………. In our case the hernia sac was a typical Spigelian hernia’s sac.” This paragraph should be in the discussion section.
Discussion
Line 9: “they usually characterized”. It would be better “they are usually characterized”
Conclusion
Line 5: “Aim of …………….”. It would be better “The aim of ……”
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
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The requested changes performed and they are marked with red in the text.

Also the manuscript was formatted according to the Instruction to Authors. Please let us know if anything else is missing. We are looking forward to your answer.

Sincerely Yours

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