Reviewer's report

**Title:** Ano-rectal stenosis after treatment with Anti-TNF alpha antibodies: a case series

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**Reviewer:** Sameer Zar

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

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?: 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:

- General comments
- Revisions necessary for publication

1. Information required (see below)
2. The author should discuss previous papers where small bowel stenosis/strictures were reported following anti-TNF therapy and relate it to the findings in this case report.

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?

- Yes
1. Did any of these patients have perianal complications of Crohn's disease in the past
2. Did any of these patients have fistulating or stenosing disease in the past involving small bowel
3. Do we know ASCA levels

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'