Reviewer’s report

Title: Irritable bowel presentation caused by foreign body ingestion: a case report.

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Which of the 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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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

Comments to authors:

Interesting case but:

1. The authors need to clarify what the point of the report is. Is it that the ingested foreign body caused an IBS-type syndrome? This would be the only one of interest and could only be proven by permanent remission to symptoms following removal. How long was the follow up? I am confused by the case as it is currently presented and am not sure if the authors are implying that the IBS caused the foreign body reaction or the opposite?

2. The English expression needs to be improved.

3. The only figures that are necessary are the colonoscopic image of the retrieval of the foreign body and the sizing of the foreign body.
Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.