Reviewer's report

**Title:** Intussusception of the small bowel in the elderly secondary to malignant metastases: a case series.

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**Reviewer:** SAIBAL MUKHERJEE

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?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

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

Authors should mention how common intussusception as a cause of intestinal obstruction (instead of saying it as very common). It was not understandable how they could do an end to end anastomosis for a lesion which was 10cm from ileo-cecal valve in the first case?

The more common etiology like NHL as a cause of adult intussusception has not been mentioned at all!

About the second case they have once mentioned that the patient was admitted initially in the internal medical department, but during discussion, the statement
was different
No information is given about mesenteric lymph node

Is this case worth reporting?
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- Yes, but probably as a poster format. It does not deserve this much of space

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests