Author's response to reviews

Title: Prolapsed sigmoid intussusception per Anus in an elderly man: a case report

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1. Change in the order of authors

2. ABSTRACT/INTRODUCTION
   i) Change in grammar “on the contrary adult intussusception from the literatures is a rare entity” changed to “Adult intussusceptions on the contrary, from the literature” (corrections made by Dr Christopher Young)

   ii) Change in grammar “Majority of the adult intussusception have an” changed to ‘The majority of the adult intussusception have an’ (corrections made by Dr Christopher Young)

   iii) Change in Grammar “Here we present a 66 Year old male who presented to our emergency department with a mass protruding per anus with obstipation. Changes made are “We present the case of a 66 year old African male…”

   “Upon laparotomy sigmoid colon had intussuscepted into the rectum and out from the anus.

   Changes made: At laparotomy the sigmoid colon had……

   “Sigmoidectomy and spectacle colostomy was done”

   Change made “Sigmoidectomy and colostomy were performed”…..

3. ABSTRACT/CONCLUSION

   i) Contrary to pediatric intussusceptions which are usually idiopathic in adults, 70-90% of cases have an identifiable lesion. A combination of the history, physical and histologic findings suggested no obvious leading cause of this intussuception hence warranting it to be of idiopathic etiology.

   Changed to “While 70-90% of adult intussusceptions have an identifiable cause or lesion, most pediatric intussusceptions are idiopathic. The adult case presented here was of the uncommon idiopathic type with no identifiable cause
found on either history, physical examination or histological findings.”

4. BODY/CASE REPORT

i) “A 66 year old male who is a peasant, came into”
Changed to “A 66 year old African male from a rural area in Tanzania presented to” (ethnicity and demography included)

ii) The patient has a history of smoking and taking alcohol the quantity was not ascertained. He is married having 4 children. (eliminated last 2 sentences of paragraph 1)

iii) Removed “elderly: from para 2, line 1

iv) Removed the negative findings such as sister Mary Joseph nodule para 2, line 6

v) Para 3 Line 6, fullstop missing after “dilated” Fullstop inserted

5. DISCUSSION

i) Para 1, line 1
replace “relatively rare” with “uncommon”, or just state “rare” if it is rare.
Replaced with Uncommon

ii) Para 1, line 12
“In this case report the mass was quite obvious protruding per anus and did not” changed to

In this case report the mass was obviously protruding from the anus and did not

iii) Para 1, Line 13
“investigations although it could possibly”
Changed to “investigations.

“although it could possibly”
Changed to “This case could possibly”

“a retrospective study”
Changed to “a retrospective study by Rashid and Basson”

iv) Para 1, line 25
“made” inserted after longitudinal incision was

v) Para 2
“Contrary to pediatric intussusceptions which are usually idiopathic in adults,70-90% of cases have an identifiable lesion [1,2].A combination of the history, physical and histologic findings suggested no obvious leading cause of intussuception in our case hence warranting it to be of idiopathic etiology.”
While 70-90% of adult intussusceptions have an identifiable cause or lesion, most pediatric intussusceptions are idiopathic [1,2]. The adult case presented here was of the uncommon idiopathic type with no identifiable cause found on either history, physical examination or histological findings.

6. CONCLUSION
Closest replaced by “most likely”

7. PHOTOS
Dates removed from all the photos

8. Past medical history
Patient had no past relevant medical history.

9. Included the investigation.
We only took blood for Hemoglobin levels and blood grouping. Since we work in a resource limited setting most of our diagnoses are based on clinical grounds and the most basic tests like Hemoglobin levels, blood grouping and x-rays are usually available. In this case the pathology was pretty much obvious hence it was decided not to add extra cost to the patient for other investigations like the plain abdominal x-ray.

10. References:
All references were formatted as per the journal requirement