Reviewer's report

Title: Prolapsed Sigmoid Intussusception Per Anus In An Elderly Man: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Christopher Young

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?: 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?: No

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?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Unusual surgical case with interesting photos

Abstract/Introduction:
“on the contrary adult intussusception from the literatures” should read Adult intussusceptions on the contrary, from the literature

“Majority of the adult intussusception have an” should read The majority of adult intussuception have an

Abstract/Case Presentation
“Here we present a 66 Year old male who presented to our emergency
department with a mass protruding per anus with obstipation. Upon laparotomy sigmoid colon had intussuscepted into the rectum and out from the anus. Other abdominal viscera were normal without any obvious mesenteric lymphadenopathy. Sigmoidectomy and colostomy was done. Grossly the excised bowel looked normal, histologic results showed features of necrosis and chronic inflammation."

We present the case of a 66 year old male......At laparotomy the sigmoid colon had.....Sigmoidectomy and colostomy were performed....( Those parts signified by .... remain the same)

Abstract/CONCLUSION:
“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.” Should read

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.

Body/ Case Report
“A 66 year old male who is a peasant, came into” should read
"A 66 year old male presented to"
I am not sure if his smoking, alcohol or social status is necessary, last 2 sentences of para 1.
Remove “elderly: from para 2, line 1
Remove the negative findings such as sister Mary Joseph nodule
Para 3 Line 6, fullstop missing after “dilated”

Discussion
Para 1, line 1, replace “relatively rare” with “uncommon”, or just state “rare” if it is rare.
Para 1, line 12,
“In this case report the mass was quite obvious protruding per anus and did not” should read
In this case report the mass was obviously protruding from the anus and did not
Para 1, Line 13 “investigations although it could possibly” should read
"investigations. This case could possibly"
(also rather than an orphan statement like “a retrospective study”, should it not
say “a retrospective study by Rashid and Basson”
Para 1, line 25, “made” should be inserted after “a longitudinal incision was”
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.” Should read
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.

Conclusion
“Closest” should be replaced with “most likely”

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests