Reviewer's report

Title: Acute small bowel perforation as a result of capsule impaction. Report of 2 cases.

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Reviewer: Richard Kozarek

Which of the following 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 there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

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:

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

Yes:

Final paragraph should elaborate on “patency capsule” for non-gastroenterologists.

These 2 case reports reinforce that capsules can impact and cause perforation as well as obstruction.

1. Minor grammar suggestions:
a. Abstract, paragraph 1 = … perforation from CE impaction is extremely rare….
b. Abstract, paragraph 2, line 5 = … maximal serosal tension….
c. Case presentation 1, paragraph 1, line 2 = … when she complained of severe cramping….
d. Case presentation 1, paragraph 1, line 10 = The endoscopist obtained images of CE….
e. Case presentation 1, paragraph 1, line 15 = The patient underwent….
f. Case presentation 1, paragraph 1, line 16 = … in the mid-ileum….
g. Case presentation 1, paragraph 1, line 18 = … well-differentiated….
h. Case presentation 2, paragraph 1, line 2 = … ileum and a stricture ….
i. Case presentation 2, paragraph 1, line 3 = The patient underwent ….
j. Discussion and Conclusions, paragraph 2, line 2 = … Crohn’s disease patients and in ….

Other comments:
1. Figure 1 is suboptimal; other figures require arrows.
2. Please reference previous capsule-related perforations in Background section of manuscript.
3. Please elaborate on the patency capsule.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests below.