Reviewer’s report

Title: Acute abdominal compartment syndrome complicating a colonoscopic perforation: a case report.

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Reviewer: Ioannis Pliakos

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Abstract

Introduction:
The authors are citing colon perforation during colonoscopy and acute abdominal compartment syndrome, while for the purpose of this manuscript, they should connect these clinical entities in one.

Case presentation:
1. 1st line: “we report the case”…should be changed into… “We report a case”.
2. 1st line: “occurring” must be omitted.
3. 2nd line: “Moroccan man” should be changed into “Caucasian male.”
4. 3rd line: “high rectal cancer” must be omitted (alternatively the authors should give the precise distance from anus in cm).
5. 4th line: “The patient was rescued” ...should be changed into “the patient was treated...”.
6. 4th line: “all” must be omitted.
7. The authors should precise the point of colon perforation (distance from anus in cm).
8. 5th line: The phrase “He underwent....” Should be changed into “An emergency laparotomy was decided and an anterior resection with primary anastomosis was performed.

Conclusion:
1. 1st line: “acute” should be changed into “Acute”.
2. 1st line: “is a very rare and dangerous state that” should be changed into “is a rare disease and....”.
3. 4th line: The phrase “The surgical immediate....” should be omitted.

Main text

Introduction:
1. 1st line: “colonoscopic procedure” should be changed into “colonoscopy”
2. 5th line: “diagnostic” must be omitted.

Case presentation:
1. 1st line: “We report the case”...should be changed into... “We report a case”.
2. 1st line: “Moroccan man” should be changed into “Caucasian male”.
3. 2nd line: The authors must define what “ASA” is.
4. 2nd paragraph 1st line: “a well-experimented endoscopist” should be changed into “an expert endoscopist”.
5. 2nd paragraph: The authors should clarify the fact that patient was scheduled to undergo in a second colonoscopy ( I suppose that in the first colonoscopy the diagnosis of colon cancer was made).
6. 2nd paragraph: The authors should clarify in what “preoperative anesthesia investigations” consist.
7. 3rd paragraph 1st line: “his vital signs were stable with the” must be omitted.
8. 3rd paragraph 3rd line: The authors should clarify what does “Biological findings” means.
9. 5th paragraph 1st line: “except for” should be changed into “except of”.

Discussion:
1. 4th paragraph 4th line: I think that is appropriate cite in this point the article of “Pliakos I, Papavramidis TS, Mihalopoulos et al. Vacuum assisted closure in

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited