Reviewer’s report

Title: Hand-assisted laparoscopic suture rectopexy for complete rectal prolapse complicated by solitary ulcer and obstructed defecation: a case report and review of the literature

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Reviewer: Indru Khubchandani

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

recent technological approach to an old disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Although the title of the submitted manuscript refers to complete rectal prolapse, the Authors have not clearly established whether they were dealing with occult or complete rectal prolapse. In the Abstract under "Case Presentation", they state categorically that they were dealing with complete rectal prolapse.

In the Introduction (line 7), they wrote that "This case confirms that stopping even occult prolapse may lead to rapid healing of the solitary rectal ulcer".
In "Case Presentation" section, the physical examination does not refer to the degree of prolapse noted or other signs suggesting occult or complete prolapse on sigmoidoscopy (which they refer to as "rectoromanoscopy").

In the second last paragraph in Discussion, they again refer to occult rectal prolapse as their indication for rectopexy.

Before accepting the paper for publication, the Authors should clarify the entity they dealt with.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests