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Reviewer: Antonios Michalopoulos

I believe that the case is interesting, even though the approach could be fully laparoscopic, without any fear of hernia recurrence.

Answer: We agree with the reviewer. Indeed, we discuss this in the discussion section: “The criticism to this approach is the surgical treatment that was used for the treatment of the hernias, since laparoscopic repair of incarcerated, non reducible groin hernias has to be done urgently and can be performed with an endoscopic technique. (…)”. The surgeons involved in this case did not had experience in TAP technique, only in TEP technique, and as the reviewer is aware, this last technique is not suitable for incarceration of inguinal hernias.

Reviewer: Stavros Panidis

How is the bilateral hernia associated with the torsion of the omentum?

Answer: As quoted in the discussion, one of the causes of torsion is inguinal hernia incarceration. We suppose that one of the edges of the omentum incarcerated first and later occurred the rotation with subsequent incarceration of the other edge. Although this was indeed observed in the patient, the true cause remains undisclosed.

General comments

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