Reviewer’s report

Title: Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome coexists with Nutcracker Syndrome in a female: a case report

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The authors report a case of bowel obstruction caused by SMA syndrome. The acute symptoms resolved with decompression by nasogastric tube. The CT images of this case report are illustrative and conclusive.

It is unclear, whether the use of spasmolytic drugs was a predisposing factor for the acute symptoms. Was the patient still on that medication during hospitalisation? How often and for how long did she need the medication? Please be more precise. Use small first letters when captioning generic drug names. Avoid abbreviations such as po tid, not everyone knows what this means.

No need to abbreviate AA, AMD.

0.37mm must be a mistake. I suggest using mm instead of cm throughout the manuscript.

The weakness of this case report is that there is no follow-up. How long was the patient followed? Is she still symptomatic? Did she gain weight? If this is information is not available in the medical records, maybe a simple phone call to the patient would clarify this.

The authors stress that this condition could be life-threatening and misdiagnosis is dangerous. What are the potential complications? Any reference in the literature of potentially lethal complications?

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