Reviewer’s report

Title: A case of a perforated obturator hernia with a femoral abscess repaired using the pectineus muscle

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The scheme of the pectineus muscle flap is very helpful in understanding the procedure. However, it is completely “hand-written” and it is not acceptable as a peer-reviewed manuscript with the present quality. It should be edited with proper image-editing software.

2. According to the case presentation, the patient got bedridden just before the surgery and could not ambulate for two weeks. On the other hand, in the discussion, authors state that “No remnant abscess was detected after surgery, and we were able to remove the drain relatively soon after surgery. The patient suffered no walking impairment, which allowed us to recommend that the patient mobilize as soon as possible”. They should alter the explanation in the discussion appropriately. In fact, if the patient’s condition is stable after the operation and could be extubated in the OR, two weeks of postoperative course without ambulation is not a usual scenario, concerning that the patient could walk by herself before the admission. In such situation, we cannot say that the postoperative course was “uneventful”.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Although several reviewers referred to the poor English writing of the manuscript in the previous review, it still contains many mistakes including grammatical errors. Especially, the revised sentences (in red) seem to have errors more frequently.

The authors must seek for professional English proof-check before re-submission.


Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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