Reviewer’s report

Title: Retrospective study on the Pattern and outcome of management of sigmoid volvulus at a district hospital in Ethiopia

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Reviewer: Niels Qvist

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The results of health care for specific diseases in developing countries with limited access to healthcare resources is always interesting from which all others may learn.

The present study is a retrospective review on the treatment of sigmoid volvulus. High number of patients underwent acute surgery, which is not quite obvious. It is not possible to read the exact indication. Was it due failed tube decompression? Was endoscopy (stiff rectoscope or flexible sigmoidoscopy) no a possibility? What was the reasons/indications for primary surgical approach?

The manuscript is too long - especially the introduction with includes several unnecessary. There are several repetitions and generalities that might be omitted. There are too many tables. The division between females and males does not always make sense. The tables are not referred to in the text.

In conclusion we need to know why patients underwent acute surgery and whether they had an attempted desufflation. The manuscript could be shortened extensively.

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