Author’s response to reviews

Title: An extremely rare case of lesser omental hernia in an elderly female patient following total colectomy

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Dear Guangde Tu,

On behalf of my co-authors, we thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate you and reviewers very much for your positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “An extremely rare case of lesser omental hernia in an elderly female patient following total colectomy”. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers, and the amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.

Response to the reviewer’s comments:

#Reviewer 1:

Comment: The subdivision of Group II cases must be further motivated and the need for and the benefit from it must be explained.

Answer: Thank you for your comment. We have stated that the reason of subdivision is anatomical basis, which could benefit for our understanding to lesser omental hernia (line 138-142).
Comment: What is the possible improvement by introducing a subdivision of extremely rare cases?

Answer: Thank you for your comment. It could improve our understanding to lesser omental hernia.

#Reviewer 2 (Reviewer 2):

GENERAL COMMENTS: Interesting report, in my opinion the authors must stress the radiological aspects more.

Answer: Thank you for your comments, we have concluded and stressed all radiological aspects in the discussion (line 169-175).

Comment: In my opinion it is necessary to deepen the radiological diagnosis, adding not only the semeiotics but also hints of how to carry out the examination (ref Lanzetta MM, Masserelli A, Addeo G, et. Internal hernias: a difficult diagnostic challenge. Review of CT signs and clinical findings: Acta Biomed 2019; 90 (5-S): 20-37. Published 2019 Apr 24. doi: 10.23750/abm.v90i5-S.8344), it is also important to better specify the epidemiology in particular the incidence and expanded the discussion on iatrogenic forms and if by chance total colectomy can increase the risk of occurrence of this type of hernia.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion, we have stressed this issue in the discussion (line 165-166, 169-175). Moreover, there is no publication about the epidemiology about lesser omental hernia after colectomy. Therefore, we added this issue in the discussion: it is also important to explore the epidemiology of lesser omental hernia after colectomy in particular the incidence in order to know if total colectomy increases the risk of occurrence of this type of hernia by chance or iatrogenic forms (line 175-178).

Comment: language, there are a lot of repetition

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We have polished the language.
We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly and hope that the correction will meet with approval. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely.

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