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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

The case sounds authentic.

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

Yes. Women with large myomas who want to preserve their child-bearing capacity have to be managed conservatively with either medications that shrink the myomas or by performing myomectomy meaning resection of the myoma

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

Yes.

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

Yes

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes

Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: No

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: No

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.: No, to my knowledge.

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

Yes
Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:
Yes

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:
Yes

Additional comments to authors?:

The presented case is interesting in the sense that a large-diameter myoma was removed by myomectomy, however, no isolation method was used or described in the case.

There is now a lot of debate about the risk of morcellation and FDA has a restrictive stance on this:

http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/ucm424443.htm

The jurisdiction of FDA may not apply to other countries but it remains a respected source of guidance for professionals all over the world.

Furthermore, some recent papers in the literature described different by principally similar techniques for applying isolation during morcellation in order to protect from spillage of hidden malignant cells into the peritoneal cavity. One of techniques by Dr Heaton involves the use of a bowel bag for this purpose:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0iebCXskJA

This case report can be an opportunity to educate OBGYN professionals from around the globe about the pros, cons and caveats of morcellation in laparoscopic surgery.

Upon the reviewer’s suggestion, we added a paragraph to the end of the discussion section mentioning briefly about the recent state of morcellation procedure.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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I declare that I have no competing interests