Reviewer’s report

Title: Neonatal intestinal obstruction associated with situs inversus totalis: literature review and report of two cases

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Reviewer: Santosh Mahalik

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Thank you for sharing such rare & interesting cases of neonatal intestinal obstruction with situs inversus totalis. I appreciate the work done by the authors. However, I have few concerns.

1. The case report is very lengthy & the writing lacks fluidity. It is incoherent at places and have many grammatical errors.

2. In introduction, the incidence & prevalence were written multiple times.

3. The article has many irrelevant references & references are not in order.

4. Both cases had negative outcome. Cause of death & plan for prevention has not been discussed properly.

5. Discussion is lengthy & mainly based on different references & does not describe any relation with the patients and their management.

6. It does not add any value to the currently known literature.

However, in view of rarity, i would advise the authors to rewrite the manuscript & make it short & informative.

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