Reviewer’s report

Title: STOP SAYING NEVER IN PEDIATRICS There May be a Twist that May Be Missed (Sigmoid Volvulus in Children- A Case Report)

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Reviewer: D Arbell

Reviewer's report:

1. Do you believe the case report is authentic? Y

Yes/No

2. Do you have any ethical concerns? Please consider if local Institutional Review Board approval or ethical approval was obtained (if appropriate) and if the patient (or their parent or guardian in the case of children under 18) gave written, informed consent to publish this case and any accompanying images. A statement to this effect should appear in the manuscript.

Comments:

None

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   a. The relevant patient information, including:

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      - Main symptoms of the patient
      - Medical, family and psychosocial history
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   - Diagnostic methods
   - Challenges (e.g., financial, language/cultural)
   - Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable

e. Types and mechanism of intervention

f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits

Comments: Y

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

Comments:

Needs to be improved

6. Is the anonymity of the patient protected? Please consider any identifying information in images such as facial features or nametags, whether the patient is named etc. If not, please detail below.

Yes/No

Y
7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?

Comments:

Problematic. The abstract has discrepancies with the text: in the abstract, resolution of the volvulus via rectal tube and endoscopy due to recurrence, in the text - endoscopy because of symptoms, partial resolution via rectal tube

8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?

Comments: Somewhat

An adolescent sigmoid volvulus is exactly the same as adult cases. This is clear from the figures. Neonatal, pediatric and adult cases are different, causally and in presentation.

There was no attempt by the treating physician to find the reason for this condition, and this is the main fault of the manuscript.

The only merit of the manuscript is enhancing awareness of primary care physicians for this condition.

Since several series of this condition in children and neonates have been published, these should be addressed in the text and references, and the added value of this paper should be noted by the authors.

9. Additional comments for the author(s)?

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