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: F Parolini

Reviewer's report:

1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

Yes

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:

No ethical concerns

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Yes

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   a. The relevant patient information, including:

      - De-identified demographic information (age, gender, ethnicity)
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   - Diagnostic methods
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   - 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:

Authors presented a 13-year-old female with recurrent sigmoid volvulus, initially managed conservatively and subsequent undergone surgery. Although rare, sigmoid volvulus in children represents a well-known identity and this case report do not add much into the knowledge of the disease. However, the iconography is impressive and could be interesting.

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

Comments:

The case description is brief and there is little review of specific considerations to diagnosing and treating sigmoid volvulus in children. I would suggest to expand on special considerations for children such as the type of child who gets sigmoid volvulus, risk of recurrence without resection, the benefits and risks to endoscopic detorsion. I would also suggest to add the references below in order to update the bibliography (three out of the 6 references are older than 13 years)


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

7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?

Comments:

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

Comments: Especially the iconography

9. Additional comments for the author(s)

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