

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A

Feng et al presents a case report about small bowel volvulus occurring at a previous ileostomy closure site in an ulcerative colitis patient with underwent a two-stage total proctocolectomy with IPAA. It is an interesting case and adds to the literature about potential diagnoses in these types of patients with small bowel obstructions. I think it is well written and organized. The figures are well done and allow for the understanding of the preoperative and intraoperative findings. I do have a couple of comments.

1. Can you explain how you did your stapled side-to-side anastomosis at the ileostomy closure? Did you close the mesentery?

Reply 1: The anastomosis was constructed in a common manner or side to side “trouser leg” orientation (not isoperistaltic). The two limbs are placed next to each other, and the stapler fired to join the two anti-mesenteric borders. A second firing of the stapler passes perpendicular to the first across the top of the anastomosis (“top of the trousers”) to close the bowel, and all staple lines are buried with continuous 3.0 PDS sutures. The mesentery was not closed.

Changes in the text: We have modified our text as advised (please see Page 2, line 43).

2. Can you explain your decision to perform another stapled side-to-side anastomosis rather than doing something else like a hand-sewn end-to-end? What did you do at the re-operation to prevent this from happening again?

Reply 2: This was considered at the second operation. This event was extremely rare and had never been seen before in my experience. I believed that it would be extremely unlikely to happen again. I felt that there was not enough likelihood of recurrence to change my practice, and I performed my standard anastomosis.

Changes in the text: We have modified our text as advised (please see page 5, line 136).

Reviewer B

“Diogini et al. noted that among the 5 patients who suffered a pouch volvulus out of 5760 who underwent IPAA, all had their surgeries performed via laparoscopy and had minimal adhesions post-surgery (6).”

Please check the correctness of the author name in the above sentence and be consistent with the bibliography.

Reply: Apologies for the mistake. You are correct, Dionigi et al should indeed be (7) rather than (6).
I have made the appropriate changes in the attached file below.