

A case of colonic fecal impaction caused by excessive dietary fiber intake that was endoscopically treated with intra-fecal injection of a bowel-cleansing agent

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Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: Impressive work by the patient and the endoscopist.
Endoscopic removal of faeces carries risks (well exposed). Which works well in this case.

An abdominal X - ray is used in the diagnostic work-up. There is a lot of data that advocates this step adds little.

Please elaborate the medical history better and differently:
For example by starting with: in his/here previous medical history ...
For example also mention that there is no neurological history.

On page 8: better remove sentence: Proper nutritional education is needed to protect patients from dietary fiber-induced fecal impaction

Authors' response

RESPONSE TO REVIEWER 1:

We wish to express our appreciation to the Reviewer 1 for his or her insightful comments, which have helped us significantly improve the paper.

1. An abdominal X - ray is used in the diagnostic work-up. There is a lot of data that advocates this step adds little.

(Response)

We agree with the Reviewer 1's comment. However, abdominal X-ray is often first step for diagnosing abdominal illnesses in the clinical setting. Furthermore, in this case, the abdominal X-ray showed highly suggestive, characteristic findings of colonic ileus due to fecal impaction, which should be useful and helpful for clinicians.

*2. Please elaborate the medical history better and differently:
For example by starting with: in his/her previous medical history ...
For example also mention that there is no neurological history.*

(Response)

We agree with the Reviewer 1's comment. We modified a sentence regarding the medical history as below:

Regarding his medical history, there were no problems, including abdominal or neurological illnesses.

3. On page 8: better remove sentence: Proper nutritional education is needed to protect patients from dietary fiber-induced fecal impaction.

(Response)

We agree with the Reviewer 1's comment. We removed the sentence.

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