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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Research in Surgery**](https://journalajrs.com/index.php/AJRS) |
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| Title of the Manuscript: | **Small Bowel Obstruction Secondary to Chronic Pelvic Fistula: A Case Report** |
| Type of the Article | **Case report** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | **Small bowel obstructions are common surgical presentations. This is rare case report can be useful in the differential diagnosis of small bowel obstruction. Pelvic Fistula are also common presentations. Linking pelvic fistula to small bowel obstruction as the cause is important for the diagnosis and successful management.** | We thank the reviewer for the supportive comments. This case provides insight into a rare but important cause of small bowel obstruction (SBO) in patients without a history of prior surgery. While pelvic fistulas and SBO are common individually, their direct association via inflammatory adhesions is rarely documented. Highlighting this mechanism may assist clinicians in refining their differential diagnosis in challenging cases and supports the need for a multidisciplinary approach. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **Yes** |  |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | **Yes** | We have made minor improvements to the abstract to clarify the patient’s clinical background, especially by including the lack of prior abdominal surgery and the previous treatment of a pelvic abscess. This strengthens the context and enhances understanding of the case's rarity. |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes | We appreciate the reviewer’s validation. We have preserved the integrity of the scientific content while expanding the discussion with more details on the underlying inflammatory mechanism and its clinical implications. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Not very recent | We acknowledge that some references are slightly dated but retained them for historical context and clinical relevance. Additionally, we maintained key up-to-date references such as the ASCRS Textbook (2016). If needed, we are open to adding recent publications. |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | yes | Minor edits were made throughout the text to enhance clarity, grammar, and fluency while preserving scientific accuracy. |
| Optional/General comments |  | We are grateful for the positive review and have taken the opportunity to slightly expand the discussion and abstract based on the suggestions. We believe the revised manuscript is clearer and more educationally valuable as a result. |

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