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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Case Reports in Surgery**](https://journalajcrs.com/index.php/AJCRS) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJCRS\_140357** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **MEDIAN UMBILICAL LIGAMENT FLAP COVER FOR AN EXPOSED MESH - AN INTERESTING 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.** | This case report highlights a rare yet clinically relevant complication following laparoscopic TAPP inguinal hernia repair. The use of MUL as a natural autologous tissue to cover exposed mesh is underreported in literature, and this report enriches current surgical strategies for managing such complications. The manuscript holds importance for surgeons, especially those specializing in minimally invasive hernia repairs, as it introduces a simple, cost-effective technique that could potentially reduce the incidence of postoperative mesh-related complications. Its relevance is further emphasized by the growing emphasis on biologic and autologous repair techniques in contaminated or high-risk surgical fields. | In our case report we had highlighted the importance of peritoneal closure and its complications following a laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. Also discussed alternative methods of exposed mesh closure depending on the specific difficulties to overcome the complications.The use of MUL flap in our case emphasized the advantage of natural autologous tissue cover and also potentially reducing the incidence of mesh related complications. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is concise, informative | Yes, best suited one. |
| 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. | The abstract adequately summarizes the case, surgical technique, and rationale | Changes are to be made in abstract. Added few words and reframed the aim. **Aim:** Our aim is to highlight the alternative methods to cover an exposed mesh due to lack of peritoneum secondary to the mesh related complications following a transabdominal pre-peritoneal inguinal hernia repair |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | The manuscript is scientifically sound. | Yes |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes, the manuscript includes 19 references, most of which are recent (2022–2024) and relevant | Yes, most of the above mentioned references are recent and sufficient enough. |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | light grammatical polishing and improved sentence structure in a few areas. Examples:   * “The area where adhesiolysis was done, was devoid of peritoneum…” → remove comma: “The area where adhesiolysis was done was devoid of peritoneum…” * “It is of prime important…” → should be “It is of prime importance…” * Consistent use of tense and article placement can be improved (e.g., “a laparoscopic TAPP” instead of “Laparoscopic TAPP”). | Noted and corrected the following. |
| Optional/General comments |  | Changes in author name. Please add the second name for the third author.  3- Dr Adhiyaman Manimaran |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | No |