

Peer Review

Review of: "Alleviating Bothersome Symptoms of Umbilical Endometriosis by En Bloc Resection in a Young, Fertile Patient"

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Review Comments:

<p>Title: The word "case report" should come in the title, as per SCARE guidelines.</p> <p>Abstract: Well-written abstract. The authors have clearly mentioned that they have written the case report as per SCARE guidelines, but they should mention the version. The latest SCARE guidelines are SCARE 2023. As per the SCARE 2023 guidelines, the abstract should be structured as Introduction and importance, presentation of case, clinical discussion, and conclusion. Please mention what is important, unique, or educational about the case and what this adds to the surgical literature in the background section. In the conclusion, detail the main takeaway lessons for clinical practice.</p>
<p>The introduction is well-structured, but it lacks clarity about what is already known about this topic. The authors should mention the usual clinical presentation, investigations for diagnosis, and treatment mentioned in the current literature. Most importantly, they should write what their aim is in reporting this particular case, i.e., they should describe why the case is different from what is already known about this topic.</p>
<p>The case presentation is elaborate. Were there any diagnostic challenges (cultural/financial/accessibility)? What was the differential diagnosis? Why were they considered? How were they excluded? Was there any preoperative optimisation of the patient? Why was the intervention offered (rationale)? Please mention the patient position, type of anaesthesia, skin preparation, and any special equipment used during surgery. Please mention the details of the operating surgical team, e.g., GI surgeons, gynecologists, or plastic surgeons (or any other). What was their prior experience with this technique? Is it a novel technique (first of its kind) in this disease, or has it also been used previously? Describe in detail the follow-up. How much time has passed since the surgery? What is the expected outcome (support with evidence), and what was the actual outcome? What were the precautionary measures taken to prevent complications (e.g., antibiotic prophylaxis, etc.)? Were there any complications? If yes, how were they managed?</p>
<p>The discussion is well-written, and the case has been discussed from multiple angles. The authors did not mention in the case presentation that they did a TVS to rule out pelvic endometriosis as mentioned in the discussion (Para 3). What is the gold standard investigation to diagnose/rule out pelvic endometriosis? Again, please mention the differential diagnosis of UE and how to exclude them. Are there any future implications for clinical practice by reporting this case? Please outline the key clinical lessons from this case. Please mention strengths (e.g., any cross-speciality reference that helped in the management, etc.) and limitations of this case report. It would be better if you could add a few lines on your patient's perspective of the treatment she received. Please mention whether you have taken informed consent from the patient to share her case and pictures.</p>
<p>The references are relevant, current, referenced correctly, and key studies on the topic are included.</p>
<p>Overall, a well-written article that needs minor changes as suggested.</p>

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.