

RESPONSES TO THE REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

1. Reviewer's code: 02769225

Comment: The manuscript is a case report about a rare complication (colovesical fistulas) of advanced colon cancer. The patient was presented with acute diarrhea upon hospital admission and she deteriorated quickly. Transvers ostomy was conducted on the patient because of bowel obstruction. The patient died shortly after the surgery. Result from the postmortem pathological diagnosis revealed that the symptom was in fact resulted from urination through a pathologic junction between the bladder and the distal colon due to advanced colon cancer. Unfortunately, this was mis-diagnosed as diarrhea. The case is interesting and it may provide useful insight for better diagnosis of similar cases in the future. The manuscript should be thoroughly reviewed by a professional language editor. Other specific comment: Does the title "Colovesical fistula as the first manifestation of an advanced colon cancer: Case-report" mean that the authors are the first to report colovesical fistula as a symptom of advanced colon cancer? However, it seems that reference [6] has reported similar finding previously.

Response: Thank you for the review. The manuscript has been edited by the language editing service, which is confirmed by English Editing Certificate. The intention of the title was to emphasize that diarrhoea had been the initial symptom of a cancer, not that we are the first to report such a case. We have changed the title to avoid further misunderstanding. The reference [6] has indeed reported a similar case, however their patient was male and our is female. Colovesical fistulas are very rare among woman.

2. Reviewer's code: 03251521

Comment: This is a interesting case of colovesical fistula. However, the patient presented as first symptom of advanced colon cancer is not common. The patient had fever, nausea and lost of appetite. The patient did have alert symptom of malignance, which is intended to draw attention for physicians. It was a pity to lose the patient. Sigmoid colonoscopy might detect the cancer without bowel preparation.

Response: Thank you for the review. It is a pity that patient has not been seen by a physician earlier. However, since she was admitted to the hospital the course a disease was very rapid.

The symptoms you mentioned about (fever, nausea and loss of appetite) were the reason to do CT scan and sigmoid colonoscopy.