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Manuscript NO: 45583

Title: Laparoscopic appendectomy for elemental mercury sequestration in the appendix: A case report

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Reviewer's country: Greece

Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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Table with 4 columns: SCIENTIFIC QUALITY, LANGUAGE QUALITY, CONCLUSION, PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS. Contains checkboxes for various quality grades and reviewer options.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article should be shortened, especially the abstract, core tip and introduction. It is too long for a case report.



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Date reviewed: 2019-01-19

Review time: 5 Hours, 1 Day

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an very interesting case report. Accept for publication.

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Reviewer’s country: Italy

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Date sent for review: 2019-01-18

Date reviewed: 2019-01-20

Review time: 9 Hours, 2 Days

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting and uncommon clinical situation. Therefore, it is worth of publishing. However, the paper is written in a poor English language, and it is too extensive for such a case report. The main question is if there is a real need for



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appendicectomy when mercury is within the appendix, not if conservative measures are successful or not in mercury ingestion. This should focus in the core tip, which indeed is too extended. The description of the case can be shortened as well, and some clinical data avoided, not being substantial for the report. Even the discussion could be condensed, mainly emphasizing the appendiceal involvement in mercury ingestion more than all the toxicological implication. References are updated and complete Figures: I would reduce them, keeping only fig. 1A, 2 and 4

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Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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Date reviewed: 2019-01-25

Review time: 8 Hours, 7 Days

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript offers a case report on a patient with elemental mercury sequestration in the appendix, including a review of the literature and illustrative pictures. Discussion, paragraph 4: "Trendelburg position" -> Trendelenburg position. Ethical



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approval and consent: "befor" -> before. The format of reference list is not consistent.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript report a case undeegoing laparoscopic appendectomy for elemental mercury sequestration in the appendix. 1. Authors mention in Discussion section that conservative therapy with special body position has been reported to be useful. Did



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authors perform this special body position? 2. Was not mercury accumulation decreased in the appendix before laparoscopic appendectomy?

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