

Dear Lian-Sheng Ma, Editor-in-Chief,

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**Title: A rare case of fecal impaction caused by a fecalith originating in a large  
colonic diverticulum**

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. We revised above paper according to the reviewers' comments and editors. The revised manuscript was re-checked by a professional English language editing company (Springer Nature).

We will attach answers to reviewer's comments.

We look forward to learning your decision in due course.

Sincerely yours,

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## Point-by-point response

Reviewer #1:

**Specific Comments to Authors:** authors reported the case of a 62-year-old woman who suffered from abdominal pain and vomiting, who had medical histories of repeated acute abdomen, and in whom fecal impaction in the descending colon was diagnosed based by X-ray and CT imaging. After examination by gastrografen-enhanced colonography following colonoscopy and CT colonography, the fecalith was suspected to have been produced at a large diverticulum in the transverse colon. Surgically resected and a histological diagnosis of pseudo-diverticulum was made with no recurrence during 33 months of follow-up. This case highlights the importance of accurate identification and treatment of a fecal impaction. The endoscopic evacuation and subsequent colonography was effective for identifying a diverticulum that might have caused fecal impaction, suggested that appropriate emergency medical treatment and maintenance treatments could be selected to prevent recurrence.

We sincerely thanks for showing the case summary. We will use a part of the comment in our case report.

Reviewer #2:

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The authors reported a case of fecal impaction in a large colonic diverticulum. Though the manuscript is well-written, it's not educational enough for the readers of this journal, I think.

We thanks for a valuable comment. As the reviewer's comment, this case report may not be educational for lack of novelty. We still believe that the detailed examination and careful observation are informative in this case. We therefore revised our manuscript in the conclusion. An educational point in our case is enhanced by an additional sentence. It is shown below.

## CONCLUSION

We herein report a very rare case in which fecal impaction prolapsed from a large diverticulum. It was important to precisely diagnose the fecalith and to remove it

presently by colonoscopy. Diverticulectomy prevented recurrence until the time of writing this report. This case highlights the importance of accurate identification and treatment of a fecal impaction.

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