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Dear Editor,



Title: Giant Meckel's diverticulum: An exceptional cause of intestinal obstruction

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer comment: 1) I wonder if the author could diagnose before the operation. In addition, if the author shows the computed tomography and points out the diverticulum before the operation, it would be helpful for the future diagnosis for reader and might be interesting. 2) Please indicate diverticulum with arrow in figure 2 and 3 for the better understanding.

Response: Thank you for your evaluation. Explorative laparotomy was performed because of acute abdomen (based on the patient's history, physical examination, laboratory results, and x-ray abdominal graphy). Based on the patient's history, differential diagnosis include Intestinal malrotation, congenital anomalous bands, tumor obstruction. In our center, computed tomography not used after five o'clock in the afternoon. Also, Clinical characteristics of this patients was consistent with severe acute abdomen. Therefore we gave the operation decision according to clinical sign and symptoms. Figure 2 and 3 re-arranged with different colored arrows.

Reviewer comment: This is a well written case report on a fairly common subject. It is well know that Meckel's diverticulum can cause intestinal obstruction and can reach fairly large dimensions, depending on the duration of the sub-occlusive symptoms. Therefore no new insight are added to the topic by this case report.

Response: Thank you for your comment and evaluations on my case report.

Reviewer comment: It is an interesting case report that deserves to be published. I have only one question: why was used an Endo GIA and not a regular GIA to the ileo-ileal anastomosis?

Response: Thank you for your question. We performed this operation about midnight (00.25 pm). We find in the operation room only endo-GIA.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*.

Sincerely yours,

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