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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Case Reports in Surgery
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Title of the Manuscript:	When Imaging Misleads: Crohn's Disease imitating an Ileum Tumor in an elderly Patient
Type of the Article	case report

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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This case report is valuable for the scientific community as it highlights the diagnostic challenges posed by Crohn's disease, especially in elderly patients where it can mimic malignant tumors. It emphasizes the need for careful differential diagnosis using histopathological confirmation to avoid unnecessary overtreatment and improve patient outcomes. Moreover, it provides insights into managing atypical presentations of inflammatory bowel diseases in geriatric populations.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is clear but can be slightly refined for brevity and clarity. Suggested revision: "Crohn's Disease Mimicking an Ileum Tumor in an Elderly Patient: Diagnostic Challenges".	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive but could be improved by briefly mentioning the clinical implications of histopathological findings and their impact on management strategies. Suggested revision: Highlight the significance of considering inflammatory conditions in differential diagnoses, especially in elderly patients presenting with tumor-like masses.	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript is scientifically sound; however, the following points should be addressed for improvement: Specify the imaging techniques used (e.g., contrast phases, CT protocols) and provide a more detailed description of the radiological findings. Include a brief discussion of other differential diagnoses considered before surgery. Highlight the limitations of the diagnostic approach, particularly regarding reliance on imaging without preoperative biopsy.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are relevant but somewhat limited in scope and recency. Consider adding more recent studies on imaging characteristics and histopathological differentiation of Crohn's disease from neoplasia. Suggested references: Recent reviews on Crohn's disease in elderly populations. Studies focusing on imaging mimics of small bowel neoplasia.	

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<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language is adequate for scholarly communication but requires minor grammatical and stylistic improvements:</p> <p>Revise "provided in a relapsing-remitting evolution" to "presenting with a relapsing-remitting course." Correct "important surgical history" to "significant surgical history."</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>Consider including a comparative figure or table summarizing imaging characteristics that differentiate Crohn's disease from neoplasms.</p> <p>Provide more context for the rarity of this presentation in geriatric patients with Crohn's disease.</p> <p>Author's Feedback:</p> <p>1. Title Revision:</p> <p>The title was revised for clarity and conciseness to: "Crohn's Disease Mimicking an Ileum Tumor in an Elderly Patient: Diagnostic Challenges."</p> <p>This change better reflects the case report's focus and highlights the clinical importance.</p> <p>2. Abstract Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Added details emphasizing the clinical implications of histopathological confirmation in atypical presentations. o Revised phrasing for consistency and flow. <p>3. Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Added references to support prevalence data and clarify the relevance of reporting this specific case. o Improved structure by emphasizing diagnostic challenges and the unique aspects of the case. <p>4. Methods (Case Presentation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Clarified imaging modalities and protocols used for the CT scan. o Provided additional details about the surgical procedure, including the type of anastomosis. o Addressed the lack of preoperative biopsy by acknowledging its potential role in avoiding diagnostic uncertainty. o Ethical considerations: Included a statement confirming that informed consent for publication was obtained. <p>5. Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Expanded on the discussion of differential diagnoses and alternative diagnostic approaches for small bowel masses. o Incorporated recent references to highlight advances in imaging and diagnostic techniques for Crohn's 	

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	<p>disease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Addressed the limitations of the diagnostic and treatment approach in this case. <p>6. Figures and Legends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Enhanced figure legends by including details about imaging phases and histological methods. o Ensured all figures align with the discussion for clarity and support. <p>7. References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Added recent and relevant references to strengthen the discussion on elderly-onset Crohn's disease and its diagnostic challenges. o Updated formatting to align with journal guidelines. <p>8. Language and Grammar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Corrected grammatical errors and improved sentence structure throughout the manuscript for readability and consistency. <p>The manuscript has been revised accordingly, and the highlighted sections indicate the changes made. Further feedback from the reviewers is welcome for additional refinements.</p> <p>This manuscript is scientifically robust and contributes to the field but requires minor improvements in methodological detail, discussion depth, and reference quality.</p>	
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PART 2:

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