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Case series on management of spontaneous uterine rupture in unscarred uterus in a low resource setting in North East India

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MECHANICAL EDITING

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Comment 1

The title page is missing.

Response: Given a title page according to the journal's format.

Comment 2

Abstract could have more flesh (up to 150 words).

Response: Revised the abstract as advised (Line number 4 to 12). Now the word count is 151.

Comment 3

Insert line numbers.

Response: Inserted the continuous line numbers.

Comment 4

Add ethical consideration, acknowledgments, author contribution, funding, and ORCID of authors after the Conclusion sub-section.

Response: Given the above-mentioned points after Conclusion as sub-section.

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Reviewer C

Major Points

Comment 1

Title revision: As this case series did not recommend any management therefore the title can be revised as "Spontaneous uterine rupture in an unscarred uterus in a low resource setting in North East India: A case series."

Response: Thanks for the suggestion and revised the title as advised.

Comment 2

Reference clarification: Reference 1 is not the primary reference to support the data. Add a primary reference to the most recent incidence of "uterine rupture in the unscarred uterus".

Response: Revised reference 1 and added the following recent reference.

"DOI: 10.1111/1471-0528.17517."

Comment 3

Case 2 and 3: Could you please clarify whether Case 2 and 3 were admitted to the same hospital as Case 1?

Response: Yes, all cases were admitted in the same hospital and revised accordingly in the manuscript.

Comment 4

Data source clarity: Specify how the information "All her previous deliveries at home and were uneventful" was obtained, such as through a history inquiry.

Response: Above mentioned information were obtained by history taking stage. Revised in the manuscript.

Comment 5

Sentence revision in Case 2: For improved clarity and flow, would you consider revising the last sentence in the Case 2 paragraph? Example: "Left-sided broad ligament haematoma was noticed, so bilateral internal iliac artery ligation was done, **but the patient could not survive the procedure**". This might be like - Left-sided broad ligament.....was done, **but the procedure could not survive the patient**.

Response: Thanks for the suggestion. Revised the sentence as advised.

Comment 6

Discussion section: Break down the first paragraph of the discussion section into smaller parts. Moreover, it stated that early identification and urgent referrals to well-equipped centres are crucial. However, none of the case descriptions did not reflect anything to support this statement.

Response: Breakdown the sentence into two small sentences.

Comment 7

In conclusion: The main message is not clear. No reflection on "early identification and urgent referrals." as focused in the discussion section.

Response: Revised the conclusion in the text.

Minor Points

Comment 1

Sentence structure: For improved readability, please break down the sentence, "Per abdominal examination revealed a distended abdomen..." into two separate sentences.

Response: Breakdown the sentence into two small sentences.

Comment 2

Acronym clarification: To enhance clarity and readability, consider providing the full forms of terms such as "BP," "PR," "RBC," "AFI," and "LSCS," etc.

Response: Reduced the acronym as possible.

Executive Editor's comments

Comment 1

Introduction: Kindly mention the time of the study (during which these three cases were treated). Provide a brief description of the hospital (public or private, catchment area, cost, accessibility, number of patients treated in the gynae-obs department) where these patients were treated.

Response: Thanks for the suggestion. Corrected as advised in the introduction section.

Comment 2

Figure 1 title: What is rent?

Response: "Uterine rent" refers to a tear or opening in the wall of the uterus.

Comment 3

Case 3: provide the full meaning of AFI.

Response: AFI indicates Amniotic Fluid Index. Revised in the text.

Comment 4

Reference 1: Provide DOI/PMID.

Response: Given DOI of the reference 1.