Rapunzels syndrome in a six year old child: A rare case report

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Rapunzels syndrome is a rare presentation of trichobezoar with extension of hair into small bowel. Trichobezoar is a tuft of undigested hair mass commonly found in young females with the psychiatric disorders. Rapunzels syndrome is a rare condition and occurs when gastric trichobezoar extends beyond the pylorus into the small bowel. 28 Cases have been reported in English literature till 2012 the diagnosis of trichobezoar may be difficult due to non specific presentation. We present a case in a 6 year old child who came with history of pain abdomen and features of intermittent gastric outlet obstruction. She was successfully managed by laparotomy which revealed trichobezoar with a tail measuring 48cm in length extending till the proximal ileum. The Child also had transient jejuno-jejunal intussusception.

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