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Cecal volvulus diagnosed in a fetus: Case report

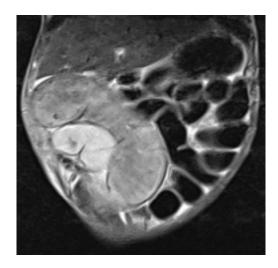
Introduction: Intestinal volvulus is a life-threatening condition, requiring urgent surgery and intervention. Furthermore, segmental volvulus is a rare and distinct entity particularly detected during the perinatal period not associated with malrotation. However, there was no previously published evidence of a cecal volvulus in a fetus.

Case: We report a case of a **fetus** diagnosed with cecal volvulus in utero. Initially, intestinal volvulus was first suggested during prenatal sonography. After delivery a thorough investigation, which included numerous tests such as: fluoroscopy, sonography and MRI, was conducted. Ultimately, the diagnosis was confirmed with magnetic resonance (MR) imaging and surgery. Literary review confirmed that segmental volvulus mostly involves the small intestine, that said, this case demonstrates that cecal volvulus could also occur in the womb.

Conclusion: The rarity and non-specific findings lead to a delayed diagnosis with high morbidity and mortality, thus highlighting the importance of reviewing the bowel on each prenatal imaging.

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