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BILIAR PHYTOBEZOAR DEVELOPMENT CAUSING SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION FOLLOWING LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY IN A SICKLER PATIENT: A CASE REPORT

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Although phytobezoars are the most common form of bezoars, biliary phytobezoars are extremely rare. The nidus of phytobezoars formation are mainly composed of indigestible vegetable material. Phytobezoars usually found in the stomach for patients who had previous gastric surgery. There are few reports about biliary phytobezoars causing intestinal obstruction. Most of these reported cases, there is fistula formation between biliary tract and the intestine. Here, we present a case with sickle cell disease that developed small bowel obstruction resulting from biliary phytobezoars developed after laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Although preoperative diagnosis is very difficult, CT scan stays the main diagnostic measure showing the features of gallstones inside the lumen of small bowel.

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