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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report 6 cases of extremely rare benign pathology and they address different aspects including diagnosis accuracy, possible etiology, management and outcome. The manuscript is well written and useful as, obviously, every approach on uncommon

reports adds its contribution to better understanding of the disease. Despite small study population, this retrospective observational study can contribute to the design of future clinical trials which investigate the best management and diagnostic strategies for mesenteric lymphangioma in adults. However, one remark is that a differential diagnosis with oncological conditions could be emphasised in „discussion” section in order to make the manuscript more appropriate for the field of interest of this journal. Other minor concerns that should be addressed by the authors are outlined below. In „introduction” section: „Cases and misdiagnosed case have been reported in previous studies”- some relevant references could be inserted „Due to delayed diagnosis, ML is frequently unsuitable for surgery”- the phrase is redundant, the criteria for surgery are not obvious, authors should add details Moreover, in „ discussion” , some phrases turn out to be contradictory, so authors might highlight some ideas: E.g. -„however, surgery is essential” vs. „however, the treatment of MLs is controversial”. Once again, it is not clear from the text when surgery is appropriate. Maybe it is intuitive that this apply in symptomatic or complicated cases as well as for diagnosis confirmation, but it it not obvious from the text. A concise comment from their own experience could be added, as the title also states. -„Following symptom onset, the abdominal cysts were not identified by abdominal color Doppler ultrasound and CT” vs. „moreover, we found that the detection rate of abdominal cysts by ultrasound was lower than that of abdominal CT (66.7% vs. 88.3%)”

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This manuscript is a case series about mesenteric lymphangioma (ML) in six adult patients. This is a rare but clinically important disease which requires increased awareness for clinicians. The final sentence of the manuscript nicely summarizes this



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situation. This article worth publishing, but it needs important corrections; 1. Reference #7, #9 and #17 are same. #9 and #17 must be deleted and the article should be corrected. 2. The content of Table 1 is not visible. It should be re-designed. 3. The explanation of Figure 3 should be re-evaluated by a pathologist; I think that the cyst wall has lymphatic endothelial proliferation, not squamous epithelium... 4. One of the patients is suspected rectal tumor before elective surgery; so, how was the rectoscopic examination, if it exists? 5. The reference about the incidence of ML in adults should be added. After these corrections, this article should be published.

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