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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Page 2 Abstract “a number of years” is vague and perhaps not the best for a medical journal “in order to” could be simplified/reworded. This phrase is used throughout the manuscript. Simply changing “in order to” to “to” would suffice. Page 3 Introduction “it’s” is the contraction of “it is,” where this use should be the possessive “its” “one could say” is also quite informal for a medical journal Case Presentation #1 “personal past history” may be better worded as “past medical history” Page 4 Case Presentation #1 “identifying the brunches of the celiac artery” should be “branches” Page 6 Discussion “These anatomical prerequisites for clinical expression of MALS is found at 10-24% of the population.” This sentence needs to be re-worded. “prerequisites... are” would fix the problem of subject/verb agreement. “at” should be “in” “So” could be dropped from the next sentence. This is unnecessary and informal. Page 8 Discussion “MALS forced for different management in order for the graft...” this needs to be reworded Page 9 Discussion “but were actually not” has an extra space between actually and not NSQIP is not spelled out here Page 11 “patient’s” should be “patients”

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Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome (MALS) is a rare clinical entity which is often misdiagnosed. This paper reported the clinical presentation and treatment of two cases of MALS and reviewed the clinical features, diagnosis and treatment, which has important reference value for the recognize of MALS. Minor questions 1.Please make the figures according to the journal's request. 2.In the paper ,there are MRI and MRA, which is correct? Please write the whole name of the abbreviation, Please write the whole name of SMA.