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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In their paper, "Are children on jejunal feeds at risk of iron deficiency?" (No. 15380), Tan and colleagues present an analysis of 6 patients in whom iron metabolism status was analysed before and 2 - 20 months after initiation of complete jejunal feeding. The authors found significant alterations of the parameters studied, however, none of the patients did fulfill the criteria of true iron deficient anemia. They conclude that patients on jejunal feeds are at risk of iron deficiency, however, since the data were of limited significance, a larger and longer term study was warranted, but hampered for several reasons. The study is short, clear and well written, the given findings appear convincing, and the conclusion is logical. It is, however, a small study, and the relevance of it is limited. The language is perfect, I did not find any typing errors. Some information should perhaps be added: what type of underlying disorder did the patients have; were there patients with any disorder that might influence iron metabolism or bleeding or digestion? If so, it should be mentioned. What was the age of the children, and did they otherwise grow and develop normally? And what nutrition did the patients receive; was the iron intake similar to that of typical normal food of children with the equivalent age? With the given information added, the work may be published as an interesting observation that



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may draw the attention to a problem that should not be overlooked in patients on jejunal feeds.

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I have some minor inputs. A footnote for the figure is needed !!!!