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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

An interesting paper, well written, dealing with a difficult clinical problem.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OR REVISION - Background line 5: Please clarify whether the “..palpable abnormal tissue..” is within the Meckel’s diverticulum, or is it any solid mass anywhere in the abdomen? - Discussion paragraph 2 line 4: “SPECT/CT” is an extension to Tc-99m pertechnetate scanning, not a completely new technique. - Discussion paragraph 2 line 9: In cases of occult GI bleeding, the most common pathology is a vascular malformation. Most patients do NOT have a Meckel’s diverticulum: in your series, they were only 4 cases out of the 114. - Discussion paragraph 5 line 3: I challenge your quoted minimum required bleeding rate for diagnostic mesenteric arteriography. Also please correct the units to “mL per min” - Discussion paragraph 9 line 3: So you advocate enteroscopy before Tc-99m pertechnetate scan (Meckel’s scan) in all adults with suspected symptomatic Meckel’s diverticulum. How do you justify this statement based on your 4 case reports? All of the 114 patients in your retrospective review have already had Tc-99m pertechnetate scans - which I acknowledge were negative. You have quoted that Meckel’s scan has a sensitivity of 62.5%; so if your 114 patients (37.5% of a group) had negative scans, tell me what happened to the



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other 182 patients (62.5% of the group) who had positive scans. TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS: - Please correct the multiple typographical errors throughout the manuscript. - I find most irksome the repeated wrong naming of Tc-99m pertechnetate as "Tc 99" or "TC 99".



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is clear and well-written. Just a small observation: on p2, last paragraph you mention repetitively "the negative 99mTc scintigraphy" as indication for balloon-enteroscopy.