Reviewer’s report

Title: Small bowel enteroclysis with magnetic resonance imaging and computed tomography in patients with obscure delivery of patency capsule

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The question posed by the authors is well defined and relevant: the clinical value of subsequent MRI and CT examinations in patients in whom a test capsule did not present itself in due time. The study was approved by the Ethics committee and patients gave their informed consent. The methods are appropriate and well described.

The authors found the diagnostic value of MRI- and CT enteroclysis is sufficient for clinical management in this group of patients. Patients without alarm symptoms and pathological and pathological laboratory analyses did never show any erosions in the small bowel mucosa.

Comments:

Page 9 Methods: line 2:
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Page 14 Results:
"All patients without alarm symptoms and with normal laboratory analyses had also normal examinations." Please elaborate. The number of patients needs to be specified.

Page 18 Discussion:
Insert before conclusion:

Another limitation of this retrospective study is not all patients had VCE. Endoscopy or clinical follow-up was used as “gold standard”.

The results apply MR- and CT enteroclysis and not MR- or CT enterography.

Page 18 Conclusion:
"It is unknown to us to what extent any additional diagnostic information from the MRI- and CT examinations influenced clinical decision making." Move to limitations, in the discussion section.

Level of interest: An exceptional article
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'