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Title: MALT lymphoma presenting within a solitary anti-mesenteric dilated segment of ileum: a case report

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COVER LETTER: Case report
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Many thanks to A Marte and F Cadeddu for kindly reviewing and providing comments regarding the submitted manuscript. I have taken each point seriously and greatly value your suggestions.

RE: F Cadeddu comments:

• Poor discussion: I have extended the discussion with particular emphasis on differential diagnosis
• Effectiveness of Video capsule endoscopy: This was not initially discussed as clear pathology was demonstrated by traditional imaging techniques. However we take note of your point and have included a discussion in the case report as we realise that MALT or indeed small bowel pathology may present with atypical symptoms and lesions may be missed with traditional imaging hence the importance to other readers

RE: Antonio Marte comments:

• Authors state that Meckel diverticulum presents always with ectopic mucosa this is not true: We did not intend to convey that Meckel’s diverticulum always present with ectopic tissue but have subsequently modified our discussion to point out the proportion displaying ectopic mucosa
• Specify stains used: We subsequently stipulate H&E stain for initial histology and list immunohistochemical findings in greater detail
• Possibility of intestinal duplication: We initially did not consider this diagnosis and following literature review realize that this is an exceedingly rare diagnosis in adults (John AJ, Galen VP. Ileal duplications in adults, presentation and treatment. Arch Surg 1994;129:659-61) We have however included ileal duplication as a differential
• Distance from ileocaecal valve: Now included

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