Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Superior Mesenteric Arterial Branch Occlusion Causing Partial Jejunal Ischemia: a Case Report.

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**Reviewer:** Paul Leyman

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Although in the introduction of the article, the authors focus on pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment of chronic mesenteric ischemia, the case presented is an example of delayed presentation of an acute mesenteric ischemic event in the small bowel caused by embolism. The fact that preoperative and operative findings revealed no atherosclerosis and (especially) an ischemic, stenotic, jejunal segment are prove of this argument.

Thus, the introduction and conclusion should be adapted and should focus on acute mesenteric ischemia. It can be of value to compare pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis and therapeutic management of both acute and chronic mesenteric ischemia in the light of the presented case.

Note: introduction p 4: IADSA: this abbreviation is used for the first time in the
text here thus best is to write it in full and use abbreviation later on.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests