Reviewer’s report

Title: Early screening the small bowel is key to protect Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome patients from surgery: a novel mutation c.243delG in STK11 gene

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This revised version of the PJS case report has been improved in response to the reviewers' comments. However the English is still poor throughout (e.g. "defects" ...should be deletions, line 17; "they suffers" line 28; "after birth appeared abdominal pain" line 9. " this mutation .......which is a novel one", line 14). Screening for extra-intestinal tumours is not mentioned in the guidelines, and perhaps should be.

The suggestion that screening should be instigated before the age of 8y is worth making in the context of this report, but some further discussion of the possible disadvantages of starting screening of in such young children should also be discussed (e.g. Would a general anaesthetic be required, further consideration of the possible side effects)

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