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- "ascies" on page 7, line 38 is spelled incorrectly; correct to "acites"

- again, I do not believe that the barium studies (referred to on page 8, line 11) add a great deal to this manuscript. If imaging is to be included, cross sectional CT images would be preferable.

- inclusion of operative photos and/or macroscopic pathology specimens would be ideally added to the manuscript. I appreciate that this may not be possible however.

- recognition of Ig-G4 related sclerosing mesenteritis should be included in the discussion. Whilst not all cases will belong to this sub-classification, the authors should acknowledge that this is a distinct disease and make reference to it. Ideally, archived tissue of the case report should be retrieved and stained for Ig-G4 subclasses and the results reported, however I recognise that this may not be possible.

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