Reply regarding pediatric salivary gland imaging

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Sir,

We thank Gadodia et al. [1] for their interest in our pictorial essay [2] and for clarifying the definition of accessory parotid gland tissue. We agree with their comment and would also like to reiterate the take-home point regarding accessory parotid tissue, which, given its high predominance, should not be mistaken for a mass.

Regarding the comment on our omission of chronic recurrent parotitis, we did so because it is not typically imaged and often managed on a clinical basis. However, the interesting points made by Gadodia et al. [1] regarding

chronic recurrent parotitis are notable, and it is certainly a diagnosis with which one should be familiar.

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