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Gastroenterology. Clinician's guide to nuclear medicine. By L K Harding and P J Robinson. (Pp 148; illustrated; £12.50.) London: Churchill Livingstone, 1991.

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Correction

Surface epithelium related activation of complement differs in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by Halstensen *et al*, July 1992; 33: 902-8. We regret that an error occurred in this paper. The sentence on page 902 should read 'The results showed deposition of both C3b and terminal complement complex at the luminal surface. No IgG was colocalised in these deposits, however, in contrast with our previous observations in ulcerative colitis.'¹¹



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