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Inferior mesenteric varix demonstrated by 99mTc-red blood cell gastrointestinal bleeding study

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Reported here is a case of an inferior mesenteric varix demonstrated by 99mTc-red blood cell (RBC) scintigraphy performed for gastrointestinal bleeding in a 47-year-old man. It was shaped like a question mark ranging from the left upper abdomen to the pelvis. This is the first report of scintigraphic recognition of an inferior mesenteric varix.

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