

In the commentary by Douketis (1), the third sentence is incorrect. It should be “Recent studies have established that the combination of a negative D-dimer test result with a normal DUS or normal impedance plethysmographic measurement obviates the need for repeated non-invasive testing (1–3).”

#### *Reference*

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