

292 eligible patients with IWL

2 refused to participate

290 patients with IWL included
(228 fulfilled 1st criterion
62 fulfilled 2nd criterion)
All 290 had work-up for IWL etiology

290 patients had hemoglobin,
MCV, RDW, ferritin measured
236 had serum iron measured

11 patients without endoscopic studies and
lost to follow-up

- 4 diagnosed with cancer (other than
gastrointestinal) (2 histopathology, 2
CT & tumoral markers)
- 7 without cancer (2 hyperthyroidism, 4
depression, 1 polyarteritis nodosa)

279 had reference standard
(bidirectional endoscopy and/or 6 month follow-up)

20 had only endoscopy
- 2 gastric cancers

128 had both endoscopy
and 6 months follow-up

- 6 gastric cancers
12 colorectal cancers
- 1 ileal cancer

131 had only 6 months follow-up
- 1 colon cancer