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General: SEMS for colon malignancy is a hot topic. This review is based on recent literature. Is easy to read and easy to understand, focusing on major issues concerning advantages and disadvantages.

Specific: All reviews should describe methods that were used for literature research. It is written that the aim is to evaluate SEMS for colorectal and extracolonic cancers and authors also reviews SEMS for non malignant etiologies. Sometimes authors refers to colon cancer as colorectal cancer. It should be clarified that SEMS are usually for colon obstruction and not for rectal cancer.

Response : We have made necessary changes about this comment in manuscript. SEMS are used for usually colonic obstructions but in literature it is said that SEMS can be used for proximal rectal obstructions.