

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: revised).

Title: Computed tomography findings of pneumatosis and portomesenteric venous gas in acute bowel ischemia.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:
1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

Abstract The initials OR should be explained.

The initials OR are explained according to the reviewer's suggestion.

Materials and methods More CT findings such as ascites or bowel distension should also be included in the study design. The authors should explain why only some signs were selected.

More Ct findings are included (bowel distension) and the selection of signs are be explained according to the reviewer's suggestions.

"A superficial damage of bowel mucosa and submucosa was assessed as partial bowel ischemia before the development of trans-mural infarction": do the authors refer to histology findings?

This sentence refers to the histology findings.

The presence of arterial or venous thrombi was not finally analyzed. It would be interesting to see the correlation separately concerning arterial or venous thrombi.

Arterial and venous thrombi are analyzed separately according to the reviewer's suggestion.

Results The authors should present in detail the false positives and the false negative results in relation to the surgery or/and histopathology findings, and explain the possible reasons for this.

We modify the manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestion.

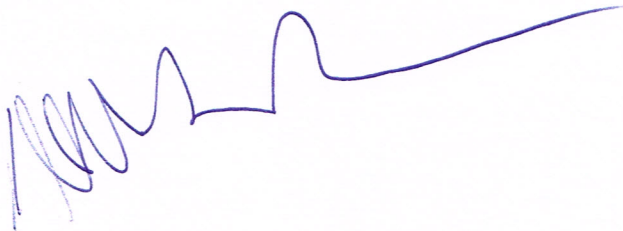
The Pear classification from 1998, is rather old, and it would be better if the authors could address this issue more extensively. An interesting paper is the following and should be added in the references: Pneumatosis Intestinalis in the Adult: Benign to Life-Threatening Causes. AJR 2007; 188:1604-1613 Figures It would be better if the authors could provide original and characteristic CT images of their patients.

We want to thank the reviewer's for his suggestion. We have modified the manuscript including the interesting paper entitled "Pneumatosis Intestinalis in the Adult: Benign to Life-Threatening Causes", AJR

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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