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## **Response to Reviewer's Comments**

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**Role of Colonic Stents in the Management of Colorectal Cancers**

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Dear Editor in Chief,

First of all I would like to thank reviewer for his/her valuable time to review this manuscript and pointed out relevant issues in it.

My responses to the comments are as follows.

1. Regarding the role of colonic stents in carcinomatosis peritonei, there is very limited evidence published in literature. The existence evidence is cited in the first paragraph of "anatomical limitation" section that reported lower success rates of colonic stents in these cases. This review is focused on the role of these stents in acute malignant primary colorectal obstructions and this has been clarified in the same paragraph.
2. Regarding presence of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in conjunction with malignant colonic obstruction requiring colonic stent, there is no evidence as IBD would change approach to deal with malignant colonic obstruction as management of malignant obstruction would override the management of IBD, however one needs to be aware of existing disease in proximal or distal colon when considering surgical or stent option in these cases. I have amended and added these comments in the first paragraph of "anatomical limitation" section.
3. I have corrected minor spelling errors.

I hope the above explanations would be of satisfactory level.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Jayesh Sagar