

Round-1

1. **Specific Comments to Authors:** My only concern is about the bubble score: to my best knowledge, there are no validated scores evaluating how bubbles may impact on colon visibility. I think that authors should describe how they have developed such a scale; otherwise, they should report in the reference where such a scale has been already validated and used.

Answer :

The bubbles score was used to evaluate its impact on colonic mucosal visibility and was rated according to a 4-point scale (0 - 3), as has been used in previous studies [1-4].

[1] McNally PR, Maydonovitch CL, Wong RK. The effectiveness of simethicone in improving visibility during colonoscopy: a double-blind randomized study. *Gastrointest Endosc* 1988; 34: 255–258

[2] Lazzaroni M, Petrillo M, Desideri S et al. Efficacy and tolerability of polyethylene glycol-electrolyte lavage solution with and without simethicone in the preparation of patients with inflammatory bowel disease for colonoscopy. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 1993; 7: 655–659

[3] McNally PR, Maydonovitch CL, Wong RK. The effect of simethicone on colonic visibility after night-prior colonic lavage. A double-blind randomized study. *J Clin Gastroenterol* 1989; 11: 650–652

[4] Bai Y, Fang J, Zhao SB, et al. Impact of preprocedure simethicone on adenoma detection rate during colonoscopy: a multicenter endoscopist-blinded randomized controlled trial. *Endoscopy* 2018; 50(2): 128-136

Round-2

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Impact of simethicone on bowel cleansing during colonoscopy in the Chinese patients" (ID: 61752). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval. The revised portion is marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the response to the reviewer's comments are as following:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

1. Response to comment: **Summary of the Peer-Review Report:** My only concern is about the bubble score: to my best knowledge, there are no validated scores evaluating how bubbles may impact on colon visibility. I think that authors should describe how they have developed such a scale; otherwise, they should report in the reference where such a scale has been already validated and used.

Response: The bubbles score was used to evaluate its impact on colonic mucosal visibility and was rated according to a 4-point scale (0 - 3), as has been used in previous studies [11]. [11] Bai Y, Fang J, Zhao SB, Wang D, Li YQ, Shi RH, Sun ZQ, Sun MJ, Ji F, and Si JM. Impact of preprocedure simethicone on adenoma detection rate during colonoscopy: a multicenter endoscopist-blinded randomized controlled trial. *Endoscopy* 2018; 50(2): 128-136 [PMID: 28985630 DOI:

10.1055/s-0043-119213]

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