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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11321- review.doc).

**Title: Comparison of Split-dosing versus Non-split (Morning) dosing regimen for assessment of quality of bowel preparation for colonoscopy**

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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

Reviewer 1: 1) Important results of the studies have been mentioned in the abstract 2) PC interval results which were not statistically significant have been deleted from the abstract as suggested 3) & 4) Changes have been incorporated in the Introduction section as advised 5) Reference have been mentioned in the statistical analysis 6) In results, numbers have been added for failure to complete bowel preparation in both the split and morning groups respectively 7) Also in the Results, numbers have been clarified as to how many had morning versus afternoon procedures in both the groups. 8) The bowel cleansing results regarding the 51 patients having the standard previous evening preparation were not analysed as they were not included in the study group and were excluded at time of screening. 9) The Discussion has been modified as per reviewer's advice.

Reviewer 2: 1) Our main aim of this study was bowel preparation quality comparing split versus same day morning preparation in a mixed set up of both in and outpatients 2) Demographic data have been added (M:F ratio and median age) in the study as advised 3) We have used the mean total Ottawa score (cumulative score from each bowel segment) in comparing our analysis between the split and morning preparation. 3) We have removed the PC interval results which were not statistically significant.

Reviewer 3: 1) Abstract has been modified as per reviewer's advice. 2) The table for details of other studies is available in the review article in GI Endoscopy published previously and hence the table of previous studies not given in this study. 3) The total Ottawa score has been taken to compare the results between the two groups (split versus morning)

Reviewer 4: 1) The demographic data have been added in the study article as advised. 2) The quality of bowel preparation has been described as advised. 3) The Discussion has been modified to show originality of the study and how it is new –i.e. though split preparation is overall superior, morning preparation can be as effective as split preparation if patients are slated for colonoscopy in afternoon. 4) Discussion has been modified with mention of other studies too. 5) In conclusion we have mentioned that though split is superior, morning preparation equally effective for scopes done in afternoon.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Shah', written over a horizontal line.

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