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Dear Editor,
Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (13441-Review.docx).

Title: Intentional ingestions of foreign objects among prisoners: a review

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The manuscript has been improved according as follows:
1. The format of the citations has been updated as requested.
2. We have re-written certain sentences to make the paper clearer. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.
3. Revision has been made according to the following suggestions by the reviewers:

Reviewer 02551508

a. Please see edited manuscript for corrections and suggestions

-Changes were made as requested by the reviewer.

Reviewer 01799430

a. Reference style is not adequate.

-These have been corrected

b. Trivial things to be corrected are marked in the attached file.

-These have been changed as acknowledged by the reviewer

Reviewer 02542408

a. Style: you don't need to underline the word 'and' as is done in several locations for emphasis

-This has been changed as requested

b. Typo: page 5 extra period "$50,000.5." Style: citations should come after the period in the sentence. Please correct for consistency throughout.

-Citations have been moved after the periods throughout the paper

c. Citation: Page 7. Please add a citation to this sentence ". In our previous work we reported the various management strategies employed for 141 episodes of IIFO in inmates"

-A citation has been added

d. Clarification: Page 7. “Grimes et. al. found one time ingestors were more likely to have a food impaction” I believe these were all subsequent impactions with food….but in context it implies simultaneous.

-This has been changed to read “Grimes et. al. found first time ingestors were more likely to have a food impaction compared to recurrent ingestors who were more likely to have ingested metal objects.” This means that first time patients were more likely to have a food impaction, those who present with a history of ingestion (ie. recurrent) are more likely have metal objects.

e. Citation: the citation of the individual author responsible for procedures (ie ‘DCE’) is unnecessary and should be removed.

-The citation was removed as requested

f. Citation: reference 6 “The Pew Charitable Trusts Managing Prison Health Care Spending” requires additional information to be referencable Citation:

-Additional information was added to make it a reference

g. reference 12 requires additional information as well. Is this available online?

-Additional information was added

h. Provide a link Figures

Reviewer 02550913

a. Please add % to table 2. 2.

-Percentages were added to table 2.2

b. Management - please specify when gastric objects should NOT be attempted to be removed by endoscopy. Razor blades? Sharp knives? When are you concerned about causing more harm by endoscopy attempt?

-Additional information was added as requested “While some sharp objects such as small razor blades can be removed endoscopically, particularly with the use of hoods, available endoscopic equipment and local practices may vary within the published series and we can not draw any conclusions regarding recommendations for specific strategies for objects of various shapes, sizes, or sharpness.” The existing evidence unfortunately cannot lead to generalizable guidelines so we cannot make a flow chart to summarize recommendations.

c. Are there any factors that increase the endoscopic failure rate? Large objects? cylinder shaped?

-Additional information was added. See above.

d. It would be of value to add a figure with a flow chart summarizing the management scheme.

-Could not accommodate. Please see above.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the
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