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Dear Editor,

Please, enclosed you find the edited manuscript in Word format (File Name: PADSS_WJGE_4175_New)

Old Title: POST-ANAESTHETIC DISCHARGE SCORING SYSTEM (PADSS) FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF PATIENT RECOVERY AND DISCHARGE AFTER COLONOSCOPY PERFORMED UNDER SEDATION. A PROSPECTIVE STUDY.

New Title: POST-ANAESTHETIC DISCHARGE SCORING SYSTEM TO ASSESS PATIENT RECOVERY AND DISCHARGE AFTER COLONOSCOPY.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestion of reviewers. In detail:

- 1) Format has been updated according to the Editor's suggestion
- 2) Revision has been made according to some suggestions of the reviewers.
 - a) Reviewer 00028188: A) It is true that this is not a randomized trial, and we highlighted this limit in Discussion. B) High-risk patients were excluded from the study as in our institution these patients are sedated by the anesthesist and not by the endoscopist, and drugs other than Meperidine and Midazolam are used. Patients with previous colonic surgical procedure were excluded as time, pain, and complexity of the colonoscopy are quite different (and lower...) after emicolectomy.
 - b) Reviewer 00070280: Discussion has been updated according to the Reviewer's suggestion.
 - c) Reviewer 00069398: A) Materials and Methods have been updated according to the Reviewer's suggestion. B) The mistake in Table 1 has been amended
 - d) Reviewer 00070632: Sorry, but it is not true that "*there are a lot of published studies in the literature*" on this topic. To the best of our knowledge, there is *just one* other study in the literature about the use of PADSS to assess patient discharge after **ambulatory**

gastrointestinal endoscopy (Reference #24), and our study is the *only one* dealing with its use solely in **colonoscopy**. The reviewer is a surgeon, and maybe he knows very well that the Aldrete scoring system and the PADSS have received widespread acceptance in assessing postanesthetic recovery, and are currently used to assess home-readiness after **ambulatory surgery**, as we stated in Discussion. However, **ambulatory endoscopy** is not **ambulatory surgery**, and there is very little information about the use of these scoring systems in this field. If the Reviewer knows a lot of studies on this specific topic, I would be very grateful if he could suggest me their titles

3) References and type setting were corrected.

Sincerely Yours,

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