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Dear the Editor-in-chief of *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript (EDITORIAL) in Word format (file name: **46263-Manuscript File.docx**).

**Title:** Enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) in emergency colorectal surgery: Review of literature and current practices

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The manuscript has been improved and edited according to the suggestions of reviewers and editors. Format, references and typesetting were corrected. Any change to the manuscript has been highlighted by using RED-colored text.

Reply to reviewer 03565143:

Your kind comments and suggestions are highly appreciated. Point-to-point reply to your comments is following:

- Per your valuable suggestion, we have noted in the introduction part that the current evidence about ERAS in emergency colorectal surgery and its outcomes in this editorial was mainly based on the studies of acutely obstructed colorectal cancer, not perforated hollow viscus and intraabdominal sepsis.
- We do agree with you that in the cases with perforation or abdominal abscess, preoperative ERAS items may not be able to use for the patients, so the intraoperative and postoperative items may be important for such conditions. Accordingly, we have added this statement in the part of 'perspectives of ERAS program in emergency colorectal surgery'.
- Per your valuable suggestion, we further described more about the difference in the ERAS items between patients with intraabdominal sepsis and those with just acute colonic obstruction in the part of 'perspectives of ERAS program in emergency colorectal surgery'.

Reply to reviewer 02734287:

Thank you very much for your kind comments.

Reply to reviewer 00044311:

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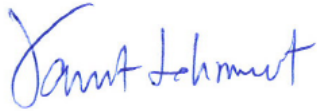
Reply to the editors:

Your kind comments and editing are highly appreciated. Point-to-point reply to your comments and editing is following:

- As we wrote in the 46263-Approved Grant Application, we declared in the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand 'intellectually' supported us to write this manuscript but there was NO funding source for this review. Therefore, we do not have any copy of grant approval to be submitted alongside with this manuscript.
- 46263-Audio Core Tip was uploaded with the revised manuscript.
- Reference no 15 and 16 were removed because they repeated reference no 4 and 5, respectively.
- To compliment with Table 3, Figure 1 (46263-Image File) was added to quickly summarize the evidence-based ERAS protocol in emergency colorectal surgery.

Thank you very much again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*.

Sincerely yours,



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