

A point-by-point response to the reviewer's comments

We thank the reviewer for his/her positive comments on our manuscript and careful reading of our manuscript. We have taken the comments on board to improve and clarify the manuscript. Please find below a detailed point-by-point response to all comments (the reviewer's comments in black, our replies in red). We also indicated the changes in the revised manuscript (highlighted in yellow in the revised text).

The study is well designed and manuscript well written. I have several comments to make:

1. The hypokalemia experienced by the patients after Quiklesan preparation is of concern. The minimal level reported was 2.3! This had not been emphasized in both the results section and the discussion section.

Reply: We thank the reviewer for raising this critical issue about hypokalemia. We have cited a reference about the normal range of serum potassium (3.5 to 5.0 mmol/L) and the level in patients with moderate hypokalemia (2.5 to 3.0 mmol/L). In the result section and discussion section, we have added our blood potassium levels in subjects of Quiklean and Klean-Prep/Dulcolax groups to show the range was between 3.08 and 3.89 mmol/L (page 16 last line to page 17 line 6; page 20 lines 9–15)

2. There was no mention of the reason for some patients who were screened but not randomized for the study.

Reply: We thank the reviewer for this insightful comment. We have added the reason (page 14, lines 2 and 4–6).

3. The manuscript has included too many tables. Reading would be made easier if the content of some of the tables can be included in the text instead.

Reply: Thank you very much. We have followed your suggestion in the revised manuscript by removed the original Table 4 and Table 6. Now, the number of tables is reduced to 5 in the revised manuscript.