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Dear Dr. Ma

Re: Manuscript ID: 66657 and Title: **Concealed mesenteric ischemia after total knee arthroplasty: A case report**

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "**Concealed mesenteric ischemia after total knee arthroplasty: A case report**". Those comments are very helpful for us to revise and improve our manuscript. We have carefully addressed reviewers' comments and have made corrections. The responses to the reviewer's comments are listed below.

Best regards!

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer #1:

1) Kindly provide time gap between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> abdominal surgery

Response: We have added in the revised manuscript. "Forty-two days after the first abdominal surgery, we performed laparotomy, intestinal adhesion release and right hemicolectomy." (Page 7, line 14)

2) When ileostomy closure was done?

Response: We have added in the revised manuscript. "The patient returned to the hospital 3 mo after discharge for ileostomy closure." (Page 8, line 8-9)

- 3) Provide differential diagnosis of acute abdominal conditions.

Response: We have added in the revised manuscript. "It is also important to note that other diseases such as appendicitis, gastroduodenal perforation and acute pancreatitis still need to be ruled out when MI is complicated by acute abdominal conditions such as vomiting of coffee-like contents, bloody stools or signs of peritoneal irritation." (Page 8, line 17-20)

Science editor:

- 1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Response: We have uploaded the original pictures using PowerPoint and all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

- 2) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout

Response: We have added PMID and DOI numbers in the revised manuscript.

Company editor-in-chief:

- 1) I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Response: We have revised the manuscript according to the comments.