

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2407-review.doc).

Title: Neonatal colon perforation due to anorectal malformations: Can it be avoided?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) We have read with great interest the recent article by Kapadnis et al..... What is this article ?

Answer: I reviewed this paper 6 months ago. The ESPS manuscript NO is 322. I think the paper "Neonatal sigmoid colon perforation: A rare occurrence in Low anorectal malformation and Review of Literature." By Kapadnis should be published soon in WJG. At this point, I need the help of editors, because I can't find it in WJG so far.

(2) Despite the recommendations for peri-natal assessment, Is "peri-natal" correct? How about neonatal?

Answer: Based on the published references, peri-natal is always used to describe a period before and after birth. I think it is a little different to neonatal.

(3) Anorectal malformations should be ARM. As anorectal malformations are defined as ARM, an ARM and ARMs seem to be strange.?

Answer: Yes, It is. We have replaced all the ARMs and "an ARM" to ARM.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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