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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The submitted original research manuscript evaluates the use of auscultation in the diagnosis of bowel obstruction. The authors provide compelling evidence that the common use and in some cases sole reliance on auscultation for bowel obstruction is not warranted. A few minor issues should be addressed by the authors. Under Sound preparation the authors that that 3 recorded segments each of 6 second length were used to assemble the sound recording for the observers. This would add up to 19.5 second given a half second pause between each 6 second interval. This does not agree with the statement of a 25 second long recording - please clarify throughout the manuscript (later on the length is stated as 24 seconds). The authors use a Mann-Whitney U test when comparing the median of patients with pathological findings - this is not mentioned in the statistical section and should be included since it does not follow a normal distribution paradigm like the paired t-test used later when comparing the ratings between observers. I recommend publication of the manuscript once these minor issues have been addressed.

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This is a good paper on an interesting topic. The work is well done, has a solid statistical basis and comes to interesting conclusions. The only suggestion I would give is to add a few sentences in the discussion on the possibility that the diagnostic value increases with the addition of history and clinics and systematic training of the operators.

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This is a well preformed study with clinically interesting results. The authors just need to point out that only obstructive bowel disease was assessed and not paralytic ileus. And that no repeated assessments on the same patients were preformed that may reveal pathology if there is a change in bowel sounds.