

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Effect of antifoaming agent on benign colorectal tumors in colonoscopy: A meta-analysis" (ID: 62239). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval. The revised portion is marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the response to the reviewer's comments are as following:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

1. Some minor comments are the following: In abstract and inside text the adenomas <10mm are better to be named small because the term diminutive refers only up to 5mm size.

Response: We have already replaced the "diminutive" to "small" in abstract.

2. In the Background section it is stated that "colonoscopy is a standard first-line tool for the screening". This sounds like a tenet when at the same time many national screening programs use stool tests as a first line option to be followed by

colonoscopy when positive. This sentence could be rephrased appropriately.

Response: We have already revised the above sentence to “colonoscopy is recommended as a standard tool for the screening, surveillance, and prevention of colorectal tumors” in background.

3. In the Methods section would be better to describe the procedural way of bowel preparation by the addition of simethicone into PEG.

Response: We have already revised the methods section according the reviewer’s comments.

4. It is repetitively mentioned in text that “ADR is the most important indicator of colonoscopy quality”. It would be more appropriate not to be so aphoristic and rephrase like being “one of the most important...”

Response: We have already revised the above sentence to “ADR has been recognized as one of the most important indicator of colonoscopy quality” in the discussion.

5. In the 6th paragraph of the Discussion Section you should

make syntax correction in the sentence starting with “Second, our results.....before colonoscopy”

Response: We have already revised the above sentence to “Second, our results of the subgroup analyses for the ADR and PDR were related to the population included and the dose of simethicone before colonoscopy.” in the discussion.