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Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma, Founder and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your preliminary decision regarding our invited paper entitled "Prediction factors for ischemia of closed-loop small intestinal obstruction" (Manuscript NO: 78887), which was sent to the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surg* for publication as a *Letter to the Editor*.

Additionally, I thank the reviewers indeed for their earnest efforts in reviewing the manuscript.

One reviewer suggested "*minor revision*" correcting some minor grammatical errors by mistake. I accepted and responded step by step to all. A native English-speaking expert polished the manuscript further, since minimal changes have been made.

All the suggestions were addressed in the document. The changes are highlighted by yellow.

Reviewer 1

Comments: It is well written editorial letter concise and to the point

Answer: Thanks for your reply.

Reviewer 2

Comments: Dear author Thank you for your Letter to the editor. I've just read your paper and agreed your opinion. But your paper contains some problems as follows; whether there an obstruction Do you mean "whether is there an obstruction"? 2. what was the cases Why do you write only this part in the past sense? 3. The mucosa continues to be secreted Do you mean "The mucosa continues to secrete"? 4. levels above 150 mg/L indicate potential necrosis, and CT scans should be performed immediately Clinicians should perform CT sans even if CRP levels show below 150mg/L. 5.where it is increased Why do you use the word "where"?

Answer: 1. The missed "*is*" has been added (page 3, line 19).

2. The past verb "*was*" has been replaced by "*is*" (page 3, line 19).

3. It has been corrected "*to secrete*" as suggested (page 3, line 28).

4. I agree absolutely with the comment. We added the following text to clarify the misunderstanding "*Nevertheless, clinicians should perform CT scans in obstructive ileus, in such cases imaging should be performed immediately without delay*" (page 4, lines 7-8).

5. The word "*where*" has been replaced by "*in which*" (page 4, line 19).

I am sending the revised manuscript and hope to receive a favorable final decision.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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