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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file: Palliative PEG Manuscript Final.docx)

Title: Palliative percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy placement for gastrointestinal cancer: Roles, goals, and complications

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

1. The suggestion for arranging PEG outcomes into a table was appreciated. However, the references use differing outcome measures and patient populations making logical compilation of the data into a table difficult.
2. The American Society of Anesthesiologists physical status classification was arranged into a table for better understanding.
3. Abbreviations were spelled out upon initial use in the text as directed.
4. The suggestion regarding discussion of the ethical issues involved in PEG placement for nutritional supplementation for patients undergoing palliative care was also appreciated. Upon further discussion concerning the focus of the review, we decided that the main purpose was to provide the reader with a review of the empirical evidence regarding various outcomes of PEG placement in the setting of palliative care. This information allows surgeons to help patients make more informed decisions based on the risks and potential benefits of the procedure. We note this focus in the introduction and go on to discuss in the conclusion that the decision to place a PEG for nutritional supplementation in palliative situations involves careful discussion of the risks and potential benefits of the procedure with the patient and that this decision should be in accordance with the wishes of the patient.
5. Discussion of references in the text was corrected to the proper format as directed.
6. The reference format was corrected.

Thank you again for consideration of our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*
Sincerely,

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