

To Editor

Re: “ **Critically Ill Patients and Gut Motility: ARE WE ADDRESSING IT?**”

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached, please find the revised manuscript based on the comments from reviewer. We hope that your readership will find it informative and education. I would take this opportunity to thank the editorial staff and the reviewers for their input and patience. Feel free to call with any questions.

Warm regards

Salim Surani, MD

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Reviewers Comments

Summary “Critically ill patients and gut motility: Are we addressing it?” summarized gastrointestinal (GI) motility on acute severe illness condition. As authors pointed out, GI motility abnormalities in the critically severe condition should be paid attention. This summary helps readers to aware it, but I have several comments.

Major comments1. The concept focusing on the severe critical condition is relevant; however, I feel that this review does not cover all points regarding GI motility 2. Breath test may be the best method of evaluation of gastric emptying in the severe condition. It is validated and continuous breath measuring is also available. 3. When upper GI motility was discussed, evaluation methods were focused on. However, for lower GI motility evaluation methods were not discussed.

Response:

We appreciate the reviewers comment. Manuscript has been modified to reflect those changes.

Minor comments 1. There are extra spaces in the manuscript. 2. There is an extra “[” in the last of references. 3. A period in the table 2 should be removed.

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