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Dear Editors:

We would like to submit the original research entitled “Long Intestinal Tube Splinting Prevent Postoperative Adhesive Small Bowel Obstruction in Sclerosing Encapsulating Peritonitis”, which we wish to be considered for publication in “BMC Gastroenterology”. No conflict of interest exits in the submission of this manuscript, and manuscript is approved by all authors for publication. I would like to declare on behalf of my co-authors that the work described was first case that has not been published previously, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere, in whole or in part. All the authors listed have approved the manuscript that is enclosed.

Because Sclerosing encapsulating peritonitis (SEP) is a rare disease and most published reports had small number of patients and short follow-up, the treatment is controversial. In this article, we present the treatment results of 44 patients with a mean follow up of 79.4 months. To our knowledge, it has the largest number of patients and the longest follow up compared with previously published papers. By comparing the incidence of postoperative adhesive small bowel obstruction between the patients who received long intestinal tube splinting and simple enterolysis, we confirm that tube splinting can reduce postoperative adhesive small bowel obstruction in SEP patients. I hope this paper is suitable for “BMC Gastroenterology”.

We deeply appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we look forward to receiving comments from the reviewers. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us at the address below.

Thank you and best regards.
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