Author’s response to reviews

Title: Is Fasting a Necessary Preparation for Abdominal Ultrasound?

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The Editor
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am resubmitting the above manuscript after necessary revision as advised by the reviewers. Some of the queries raised are unfortunately a result of errors due to some mix up in the typing. However the revision done is as follows:

Reviewer : Ray Machoughlin Discretionary revision :

1. Typing error rectified

2. Study conducted on outpatients and this was mentioned in the Materials and Methods.

3. Statistical analysis done and appropriately addressed in the Materials and Methods, Results are in Table 1.

5. No data available for the precise fasting interval. But that 2 to 4 hours is generally in the appropriate time interval between breakfast and the scans routinely performed in our department.


4 & 8 : The method that was used for quantifying gastrointestinal gas is now addressed under Material & Methods.

Compulsory Revision

1. Abstract : The statement in the conclusion was typing error and has been corrected.

2. Material & Methods : The study protocol was initially designed to re examining the patients in the opposite Physiological state. We found it difficult to implement due to lack of patient co-operation and was not done. Unfortunately this statement was inadvertently left in the manuscript and now deleted.

3. Conclusion : Revised as desired.
Reviewer: Gabriel P. Krestin. Discretionary Revision

1. Conclusion revised as desired.

Compulsory Revision

1. This statement was inadvertently mentioned and is now deleted.

2. The protocol was changed to performing a single ultrasound study, which concluded that the visibility of the organs was not influenced by the fasting or non-fasting status and hence should not influence the visibility of pathology.

3. The reasons for the drop outs were mentioned.

Kind regards.

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