Author's response to reviews

Title: Acute small bowel perforation as a result of capsule impaction: a cases report.

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Point-by-point response to the concerns.

**Associate Editor comment:**

A: The manuscript was revised by a native English speaker.

1. Title: Acute small bowel perforation as a result of capsule impaction: a cases report.

2. Background was replaced with Introduction

3. Ethnicity, sex and age of both patients were included in the abstract and in the Case Presentation Section.

Abstract: Perforation occurred within 60 hours and 20 hours, respectively in a 55-years-old Italian woman with undiagnosed ileal adenocarcinoma and in a 60-year-old Italian male with undiagnosed Crohn disease.

Case Presentation Section: **Case 1.** A 55-years-old Italian woman….. **Case 2.** A 60-year-old Italian male

4. Conclusion Section was included into a discussion

5. The consent statement was revised. Written informed consent was obtained from the patients for publication of this manuscript and accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor-in-Chief of this journal.

B. All changes were highlight with coloured text.

**Reviewer’s Comments**

1. The manuscript was revised by a native English speaker. All grammar suggestions were accepted.

2. Figure 1 was revised. Arrows were included in Figures 2-5

3. References were included in the introduction section

4. Patency: A newly designed non visualizing dissolvable capsule (Patency capsule: Given Imaging. Yoqneam Israel) has been developed in order to minimize the risk of retention. This device starts its dissolution process 30 hours after ingestion even if one end of the capsule is impacted in a stricture. The patency capsule has been used as a screening test to assess the passage of an endoscopic capsule in patients at risk for small-bowel strictures. There has been concern, however, about the efficacy and safety of this device because of the patency capsule itself has also been shown to result in symptomatic SB obstruction in a few cases [12].