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Editor Comments:

1. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.

RESPONSE: The title page has been amended to reflect the email addresses of all authors.

2. Please amend the headings of the abstract (Background; Methods; Results; Conclusions) and/or of the manuscript (Background; Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions) in accordance to BMC Gastroenterology formatting.
RESPONSE: The headings of the abstract and manuscript have been changed to comply with the BMC Gastroenterology formatting (Background; Methods; Results; Conclusions).

Specific changes: in the abstract section, “Objectives” changed to “Background”. In the manuscript, “Introduction” changed to “Background”.

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RESPONSE: Figure legends have been added after the References.

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Response: There was no individual consent obtained from the patients as the need for consent was deemed unnecessary after obtaining ethics approval to conduct the retrospective audit: Northern Health Human Research Ethics Committee (AU/14/F1D818)
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