

MMed corrections to the satisfaction of the HOD.

Dear Examiners:

Thank you very much for examining my dissertation. Your comments are appreciated. I have made the corrections as suggested by the examiners as follows:

- 1) Manuscript page vii : conclusion section includes histological results which should have been documented in results section.

Histological results have been excluded from the conclusion section and documented in the result section at the end of the paragraph.

- 2) Chapter 1, page 2: it is recommended that (diameter) should have, → diameter should be replaced with circumference.

The word diameter has been changed to circumference.

- 3) Chapter 2, page 13 → indicate which part of small bowel was used (ileum – jejunum)

In Chapter 2, page 13, the following statement :

Various lengths of serosal tears, both circumferential and longitudinal were created in separate segments of bowel

Has been changed to ,

Various lengths of serosal tears, both circumferential and longitudinal, were created in separate segments of bowel throughout the whole length of small bowel including jejunum and ileum.

Thank you very much for your effort in making this manuscript a better one.

Kind Regards,

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