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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your consideration in publishing our manuscript titled **Critical Evaluation of Contemporary Management in a New Pelvic Exenteration Unit: the first 25 consecutive cases**. Please find the revised manuscript that is edited according to reviewers' and editors' comments, and all these changes are highlighted. The language proficiency has been evaluated and approved by Filipodia Publishing, LLC.

In this revised version, we have added a "COMMENTS" section as recommended. A new reference and its summarised statement are also included. You will also find our point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments in this letter.

We appreciate your valuable time for editing our manuscript. We hope this revised version is suitable for publication.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Min Hoe CHEW', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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Author's Response to the Reviewer's Comment

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Reviewer's Comment:

The authors report on their experience in operating 25 selected patients with comparable results to those reported in the medical literature. Many of these are studies reporting relative small series of patients. There are however, some reports with larger number of patients, such as Heriot AG et al. who report 160 patients in the article quoted in this manuscript and 139 other patients operated between 2008-2011 in a follow-up study not quoted here. Furthermore, as described by the authors, Yang TX et al, systematically review 1049 patients from 23 studies. It is for this reason that following the initial reading of this manuscript I had the impression that nothing is being renewed here. However, after rereading this manuscript I feel this article deserves to be published in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. The real strength of this manuscript is in the part where the authors describe their methodologies in working up patients and during surgeries. This part is well written and offers good references. This will be of value for those interested in this topic.

Authors' Response:

Thank you for your valuable input in our manuscript. We have taken your suggestion by adding and summarising the missing reference. We appreciate your positive thoughts and recommendation.

Reviewer Code 01557877

Reviewer's Comment:

Congratulations for establishing a unit dedicated to pelvic exenterations.
Good results of complex surgical procedures

Authors' Response:

Thank you for your valuable time in reviewing our manuscript. We appreciate your positive comment.