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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11945-edited.doc).

Title: Increased postoperative complications after protective ileostomy closure delay: an institutional study.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1) Format has been updated. English language has been thoroughly revised and polished, including typeset errors, grammar and style. The manuscript has been revised by a native speaker and by the corresponding author that holds the Certificate of Proficiency in English Examination (Cambridge University).

2) Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer (1) 00227409 said: "Figures 1 and 2 do not add significantly to the manuscript, a table showing uni and multivariate analysis of risk factors would be more appropriate".

Answer to reviewer: We believed Figure 1 was a more graphic and easy way to understand our findings regarding postoperative complications, and that was the reason for its inclusion in the manuscript. We leave it to the Editor to decide if it should be included or not in the final version of the paper. Figure 2 does not offer extra information, so it has been eliminated, as suggested. A new Table has been included (Table 4) describing the statistically significant complications/conditions and their specific p values.

Reviewer (2) 11945 said: "Abstract is concise, topic is interesting, methods are appropriate, a well-structured discussion. Use of references is appropriate. Minor improvement of language is required".

Answer to reviewer: Language has been revised as suggested.

3) References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*.

Sincerely yours,



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