

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 37614-Revised-Manuscript-revision.docx).

**Title: Low-pressure pneumoperitoneum with abdominal wall lift in laparoscopic total mesorectal excision for rectal cancer: initial experience.**

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We would like to thank the editor for giving us a chance to resubmit the paper, and also thank the reviewers for giving us the valuable comments. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

- 1 Format has been updated according to the WJG guidelines
- 2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
- 3 The presentation and legend of **Table 1** have been modified without any change of the data

### **Reviewer 1**

Over all, the study is well designed and the manuscript is well written. 1 A frequent disadvantage during laparoscopic surgery with LPP or AWL is that the operative field is less optimal, which increases technical difficulties. The authors combined LPP with AWL and initially used this technique in a case of laparoscopic single-site cholecystectomy, previously. In the present study, the authors evaluated the safety and feasibility of LPP with AWL in laparoscopic TME for rectal cancer. 2 The patients was selected and included properly. The clinical data is clear. 3 Results are interesting. The recent published references in 2016 and 2017 were included and discussed. 4 Figures and table are clear, and make the manuscript more interesting. In my opinion, after some editings, this manuscript can be accepted, and published in the journal.

#### **Answer:**

Thank you for your valuable comments. We have revised and updated the manuscript as your suggestion.

### **Reviewer 2**

Excellent study. I suggest to publish it.

**Answer:**

We are so happy to hear this nice comment from the reviewer. We have revised the manuscript to meet the requirement for publishing.

**Reviewer 3**

Acceptance with some minor language revision.

**Answer:**

Thank you for your recognition to our manuscript. We have tried our best to improve the language of the manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

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