

## **Response to reviewers' comments**

The manuscript has undergone a thorough review process. The reviewers' suggestions and comments were taken into account and relevant changes have been made.

### **Reviewer 1**

Thank you for your review and comments.

The purpose of this review is a comprehensive analysis of the evidence on PEI after pancreaticoduodenectomy for indications other than chronic pancreatitis (as this disease is the primary cause of PEI even without surgical management). This was previously mentioned in the Methods section of the manuscript. A sentence has been added at the end of the Introduction to further clarify this ("The purpose of this paper is the comprehensive review of the current evidence on the incidence and management of PEI specifically in the setting of PD for indications other than chronic pancreatitis"). The exclusion of published evidence on chronic pancreatitis has been addressed in the Study selection part of the methods: "Studies on pancreatic resections for chronic pancreatitis were excluded, as well as..." and clearly depicted in the study flowchart.

The mentioned European guidelines on the management of chronic pancreatitis have been included in the 746 papers that were initially evaluated for this review. However, as this study focuses on chronic pancreatitis, it has been excluded as per the study's exclusion criteria and selection process as per the PRISMA guidelines.

The incidence of PEI before and after pancreaticoduodenectomy has been analysed in the section "Incidence of PEI after PD" and on Table 3, including the tests used for the definition of PEI in the various studies. Furthermore, the evidence have been analysed with regards to technical operative factors in the relevant section of the manuscript, such as comparing the two main methods for reconstruction (pancreaticogastrostomy vs pancreaticojejunostomy) (Table 4).

### **Reviewer 2**

Thank you for your review and positive comments.

The manuscript has gone through a thorough review process and grammatical mistakes have been corrected.