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Dear Dr. Tang,

Thank you very much for inviting us to revise our manuscript entitled "Infection recurrence following minimally invasive treatment in patients with infectious pancreatic necrosis". We really appreciate the feedback from the two reviewers and have revised the manuscript point-by-point according to their comments. Changes to the manuscript have highlighted in yellow.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Fei Li

Answering reviewers

Reviewer One:

Very nice paper, there is one major concern about the study: death of the patient was exclusion criteria-why? On my opinion they should be included in the study.

Otherwise there are some language mistakes and some unnecessary sentences, maybe another check to remove them.

Response:

We totally agree with the reviewer's comments. The exclusion criteria have been modified accordingly and 9 deaths were included into the database. Relevant results in abstract and text were changed as yellow highlight. This was also discussed in the limitation part of Discussion section. In addition, abstract, introduction and method were revised and become more concise (highlighted in yellow colour).

Reviewer Two:

Authors have analyzed data regarding the incidence and prediction of infection recurrence following successful minimally invasive treatment in IPN patients. Well analyzed data. But, only 13 patients had recurrent infection (small sample size).

Response:

Many thanks for helpful comments! We found that the infection recurrence rate was 7.30%, which is similar to other studies. The small sample size will definitely influence the power of the study. This is a drawback of single centre study. We mentioned this as the first limitation (highlighted in yellow colour).

Table 4 and 5 can be combined.

Response:

This has been done properly and relevant text in Results has also been revised (highlighted in yellow colour).

Introduction and methods could be more concise.

Response:

According to the comments, introduction and methods have been revised and become more concise. Some unnecessary sentences have been removed.