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**RE: Revised Manuscript ID 55712**

**Invited Manuscript Number ID: 00081274: Role of Minimally Invasive Surgery for Rectal Cancer for World Journal of Gastroenterology**

Dear Dr. Ma

Thank you for the positive response to our review. We have taken the reviewer's input and added a paragraph about single-port laparoscopic surgery and NOTES (with 2 additional references). In order to visualize the change, we highlighted it in the manuscript.

We hope that the submission now meets your requirements for full acceptance as we believe that it provides a comprehensive overview over the role of minimally invasive surgery for rectal cancer. We thank you and look forward to your favorable decision.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Kaiser,

Thank you very much for accepting our invitation for contribution of high quality manuscripts to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. The information of the submitted manuscript title is as follows:

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