

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: CME review with revisions.doc).

Title: Laparoscopic Complete Mesocolic Excision – West meets East

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Suggested reference – Japanese Society for Cancer of the Colon and Rectum (JSCCR) guidelines 2010 for the treatment of colorectal cancer; *Int j Clin Oncol.* 2012;17:1-29. Has been appropriately referenced in the suggested section. Additional references were added here too.

(2) The definition of a D3 lymphadenectomy has been added to the “is the concept of CME new?” section

(3) Concrete figures from papers discussed added in the section on “laparoscopic CME”

(4) Additional references with respect to survival after CME have been added

(5) In an attempt to reduce bias, further references were added to the “why not perform a CME” section.

(6) Surgical description has been moved from the “discussion” to the “principles of CME” section

(7) Additional references have been added to the discussion as requested.

(8) Additional complications of CME with references added as requests.

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3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Carina Chow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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