

Dear editor

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise and improve our manuscript entitled “Isoperistaltic vs. antiperistaltic anastomosis after right hemicolectomy: a comprehensive review”, according to the reviewers’ comments. We truly hope that our revised manuscript will meet the high standards of your esteemed journal for publication.

Reviewer # 1

- As per your suggestion, the number of references has been substantially increased. In addition, a table summarizing the risk factors for anastomotic leakage has been included in the “Tables” section of the revised manuscript.
- As per your suggestion, data on the current trends in regards to the most preferred type of anastomosis among colorectal surgeons have been included in the “Discussion” section (subsection: “Pros and cons of the different anastomotic configurations”) of the revised manuscript.
- As per your suggestion, additional data in regards to the side effects of all anastomosis types have been included in the “Types of anastomoses” section and the “Discussion” section (under the subheading “Pros and cons of the different anastomotic configurations”) of the revised manuscript
- As per your suggestion, the word review, instead of the word study, is now used to describe the article throughout the manuscript.
- As per your suggestion, the fact that besides colon cancer other condition, as well, such as Crohn’s disease might represent an indication for a resection and an ileocolic anastomosis is now included in the “Introduction” section of the revised manuscript.
- As per your suggestion, the “Discussion” section has been divided into the following subsections: “Pros and cons of the different anastomotic configurations”, “Isoperistaltic vs. antiperistaltic side-to-side ileocolic anastomosis”, and “Conclusions”

Reviewer # 2

- As per your suggestion, a list of the abbreviations used has been included in the revised form of the manuscript
- As per your suggestion, the abstract section of the manuscript has been revised and appropriately shortened.
- As per your suggestion, the introduction section of the manuscript has been revised and shortened.
- As per your suggestion, the “factors influencing the healing of the anastomosis” section of the manuscript has been revised and appropriately rearranged and shortened. A table (Table 1) with the risk factors for anastomotic leakage has been added in the revised manuscript.
- As per your suggestion, more details regarding the types of the anastomoses have been added in the “Types of anastomoses” section of the revised manuscript.
- As per your suggestion, the “Discussion” section has been appropriately revised and rearranged
- As per your suggestion, the form of the “References” has been appropriately updated.

Editor in chief

- As per your suggestion, the manuscript has been thoroughly revised, the reference list has been appropriately updated and the manuscript has been supplemented with highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results on the field.
- As per your comments, an extensive grammatical check of the whole manuscript has been conducted by a native English speaker.

All changes have been highlighted with yellow in the revised manuscript.