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Professor Jin Gu FACS, FASCRS, MD Editor-in-chief Chief of Department of Colorectal Surgery Peking University Cancer Hospital Beijing 100142 China

Dear Professor Gu,

Re. Letter to the Editor commenting on: Feasibility and safety of "bridging" pancreaticogastrostomy for pancreatic trauma in Landrace pigs

Thank you for the comments on our Letter to the Editor.

We address the comments pointwise:

1. The authors should explain the abbreviations "PD", "PJ", and "HPB" in the main text. *This has been done.*

2. PMID are missing in the reference list. *This has been corrected.*

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We believe that the article by Dr Feng and colleagues investigates a very important issue in the management of major pancreatic trauma. We believe the quality of the Letter has been improved with the revisions as suggested by the referees.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the co-authors

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