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Dear Mr Ma,

Thank you very much for your electronic correspondence regarding my manuscript entitled: **“Quality of life after surgical and endoscopic management of severe acute pancreatitis: a systematic review”**. I am delighted that you are interested in the paper and think that it is appropriate for the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

I very much appreciate the time and effort you have put into the comments. The advice and comments from the Editorial office regarding formatting, structure and referencing of my paper is most helpful. I have made the required revisions and submitted the revised manuscript.

With regards to the language quality of the manuscript, the senior authors of the paper, Sanjay Pandanaboyana and Manu Nayar, have further polished the manuscript. They are both native speakers of English.

Please see below my response to the comments by the Editorial Office:

Comment 1 from Reviewer 1:

Scientific Quality: Grade D (Fair)

Language Quality: Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

Conclusion: Rejection

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors have performed a systematic review to determine the quality of life of severe acute pancreatitis patients post endoscopic versus surgical necrosectomy. Findings point to better outcomes with endoscopic necrosectomy. While the conclusion could have been founded, the study limitations seems to supersede these. The number of studies are few and the authors also concede that there were inconsistencies in the HR-QoL tools used amongst others. Please use 4 and four consistently when referring to the number of studies. ideally four Revise the study aim in the abstract. It's too wordy when read with HR-QoL

Response to Comment 1 from Reviewer 1:

I agree with the Reviewer 1 that the study has several limitations. The number of the published studies investigating HR-QoL following surgical or endoscopic necrosectomy is fairly small. The fact that the included studies have employed different HR-QoL metrics has also been highlighted in the manuscript as one of the limitations of the systematic review.

I have revised the study aim in the abstract and it is now less wordy. I have also used the word four instead 4 consistently when referring to the number of studies.

Regarding the language quality, the senior authors of this study have polished the manuscript as they are both native English speakers.

Comment 2 from Reviewer 2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Well written, concisely and coherently organized and presented article.

Response to Comment 2 from Reviewer 2:

Thank you very much for considering this study for publication.

Comment from the Science Editor:

In this invited manuscript, the authors systematically review the quality of life after surgical and endoscopic treatment of severe acute pancreatitis, which is an interesting topic and of some significance to the clinical field. But there are some limitations to this

manuscript. The number of studies is relatively small to suggest some outcome, and the conclusions may be biased. Furthermore, the number of total references is a bit outdated, maybe a little more related references could also be cited. The form of the table in the article should adopt the form of a three-line table.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade D (Fair)

Response to Comment from the Science Editor:

I totally agree with the Science Editor that the topic of this study is very interesting and of some significance to the clinicians caring for patients with severe acute pancreatitis. I also agree that there are some limitations to this systematic review that don't allow a solid conclusion.

I am pleased to inform you that I have revised the references by adding as well as updating them. I have also revised the tables in the article and adopted the form of a three-line table as per the *Guidelines for preparation of bitmaps, vector graphics, and tables in revised manuscripts* as published by the Baishideng Publishing Group.

Comment from the Editor-in-Chief:

I recommend the manuscript to be published in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Response to Comment from the Editor-in-Chief:

Thank you for your interest in publishing this manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

I hope that the changes I have made resolve all your concerns about the article. I'm more than happy to make any further changes that will improve the paper and facilitate successful publication.

Yours Sincerely,

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