

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



February 27, 2014

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We thank you very much for the opportunity to submit a revised version of our work and we thank the reviewers for their valuable time and consideration. Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8532-review.doc).

**Title:** Improving the outcomes in oncological colorectal surgery

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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) We corrected minor language mistakes;
- (2) We shortened the manuscript by removing part 4 completely. More focus is on the main subject of the manuscript (laparoscopic colorectal surgery) now;
- (3) We emphasized the importance of low index of suspicion and physical exam in detecting anastomotic leakage. We underlined the doubt of the usefulness of cytokines in the absence of clinical signs / physical exam findings in former part 5 (now part 4; detection of anastomotic leakage);
- (4) We rewrote the conclusion as suggested by the reviewer;
- (5) We referred to several papers of Pramateftakis MG, as suggested by one of the reviewers (references 3 and 4).

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

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