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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS manuscript NO: 15149) file name: Mesopancreas and Paraortic area-Revision 1 (final and track changes version).

Title: Mesopancreas: a boundless structure, namely the rationale for dissection of the paraaortic area in pancreaticoduodenectomy for pancreatic head carcinoma.

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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) The following sentences have been added in the first paragraph of the manuscript:

- Moreover no significant difference was found in local recurrence rates between standard and extended lymphadenectomy [8,10] .
- Extended lymphadenectomy was shown to be associated with higher R0 resection in one RCT [6], while a trend towards fewer positive resection margins in extended lymphadenectomy group was shown in another RCT [10] and one metaanalysis[12]. In another metaanalysis no significant difference was found between standard and extended lymphadenectomy among the resection margin status[14]. However no homogeneous definition of microscopic resection margin involvement and no standardized assessment protocol of resection margin status were adopted.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,
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