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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16734-Review.doc)

**Title:** The Current State of Laparoscopic Parastomal Hernia Repair

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The manuscript has been significantly improved according to the reviewers' suggestions:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of both reviewers.
  - a. "...a brief review of the sandwich technique and use of single port for performing modified Sugarbaker or stoma relocation."
    - i. We discuss these techniques in the last two paragraphs of the discussion, and we have added italicized headers above the appropriate paragraph as such. The first paragraph reviews the only published manuscript about the sandwich technique. The second paragraph reviews the results of the only two published manuscripts regarding single port repair. We first discuss single-port Sugarbaker repair described by Tran et al and then discuss the single-port stoma relocation/intraperitoneal onlay repair hybrid technique described by Kohler et al. We have also added a short paragraph titled "Stoma Relocation" that addresses the two published reports regarding this.
  - b. "They should, however, also relate the outcome of the two methods to which type of mesh that have been used..."
    - i. We have added a paragraph entitled "Mesh Choice" at the end of the Discussion section to address this.
  - c. "Correspondingly, postoperative morbidity - early as well as late - should also be related to mesh type..."
    - i. This is also addressed in the "Mesh Choice" paragraph.
  - d. "With respect to the use of synthetic mesh and late complication the author should also elaborate more in the discussion on the significance of long-term and complete follow-up."
    - i. We have added this to the end of the "Mesh Choice" paragraph.
  - e. "Is 'stoma appliance failure' really a risk factor for developing a parastomal hernia?"

- i. We have reevaluated this statement and have removed this as a risk factor, as this is not as easily supported compared to the other known risk factors
  - f. "...open or laparoscopic onlay, sublay..etc' could be easily misunderstood"
    - i. We have reworded this to alleviate any possible confusion.
  - g. "The corresponding references should be moved to 'Sugarbaker', 'Keyhole' and 'equal' respectively"
    - i. We have adjusted the references as requested.
- 3. Citations have been updated. Figure 1 has been reattached as decomposable. Our statistical software does not output figures as decomposable images, so Figures 2-4 are the same.
- 4. Comments section has been added.

Thank you again for the opportunity to publish our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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