

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript NO 3464 edited.doc).

**Title:** Stapled gastro/duodenojejunostomy shortens reconstruction time during pylorus-preserving pancreaticoduodenectomy

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated throughout the manuscript.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (02458999).

(1) Title was corrected, as suggested.

(2) We added basic patient characteristics (including ASA, comorbidities, previous history of upper abdominal surgery) in Table 1, as suggested by the reviewer.

(3) We included the discussion regarding the discrepancy between the total operative time and reconstruction time (page 10, lines 6-10). We also included discussion regarding a huge difference in the intraoperative blood loss between the groups (page 10, lines 11-17).

(4) As suggested by the reviewer, we added detailed description of other major postoperative complications (pancreatic fistula and intraabdominal abscess) in the results (page 8, lines 4-8).

(5) As suggested, we included the grade of DGE in the results (page 8, lines 9-10).

(6) In the hand-sewn group, all patients underwent duodenojejunostomy in the hand-sewn group, whereas in the stapled anastomosis group 9 patients underwent gastrojejunostomy and the remaining 10 patients underwent duodenojejunostomy (described in the Methods, page 6, lines 3 and 7).

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

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