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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 35042-Revised manuscript.doc).

Title: Duodenum and Ventral Pancreas Preserving Subtotal Pancreatectomy for Low-grade Malignant Neoplasm of the Pancreas: An Alternative Procedure to Total Pancreatectomy for Low-grade Pancreatic Neoplasms

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Duodenum and Ventral Pancreas Preserving Subtotal Pancreatectomy for Low-grade Malignant Neoplasm of the Pancreas: An Alternative Procedure to Total Pancreatectomy for Low-grade Pancreatic Neoplasms". (ESPS Manuscript NO: 35042). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer:

1. **Response to comment:** *"But there was no detail pathological examination information of surgical specimens and follow-up data about tumor recurrence in the study. AS mentioned in the result of this article, why the rate of postoperative recurrence of IPMN was so high, 2 out of 6 for DVPPSP and 5 out of 11."*

Response:

It is really true as Reviewer commented. We added detail pathological

examination information of surgical specimens in Table 1 and follow-up data about tumor recurrence in Table 2 marked in red. Also the relevant content of these parts are presented in the Result section marked in red.

As is shown in Table 2, 33.3% IPMN in DVPPSP group and 45.5% IPMN in TP group were proved to have recurrences. The rate of postoperative recurrence of IPMN seemed a little bit high compared with previously reports (0-30%). We suggested that the high rate of malignancy of IPMN in our study might play a role in it. And we added this part in Discussion part marked in red.

Special thanks to you for your valuable comments.

Other major revisions

1. We have added the “Core tip” section according to the Editor’s comments.
2. We have added the “COMMENT” section according to the Editor’s comments.
3. We have revised reference style of our manuscript according to the WJG guidelines.
4. We have revised the grammatical mistakes of our manuscript, and made language editing according to the professional advice by you and English language Editorial Office.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And here we did not list the changes but marked in red in revised paper.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

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

Sincerely yours,

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