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Dear editor,

Thank you for the prompt and careful review of our manuscript, which is titled “**Overlapped Delta-shaped Anastomosis-An Innovative Intracorporeal Anastomosis Technique of Totally Laparoscopic Colectomy for Colon Cancer : Short-term of Outcomes**” (Manuscript NO.: 35057). Per your instructions, we have revised the manuscript according to the editorial and reviewers’ comments and resubmit the revised version for your evaluation.

Firstly, our responses to the comments are detailed as follows, and the changes made in the text are indicated in each of the response.

Reviewer#1

Good paper but not of high interest for nonsurgical gastroenterologist. To be addressed to a surgical journal as pilot study.

Response: The World Journal of Gastroenterology (WJG) is an excellent academic journal that publishes review articles and articles describing original research (basic or clinical) in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, gastrointestinal surgery, and gastrointestinal endoscopy. In our paper, we introduce an innovative intracorporeal anastomosis technique named the ‘overlapped delta-shaped anastomosis (ODA) procedure’ for cases of totally laparoscopic colectomy (TLC). So we believe that our manuscript is in line with the magazine’s acceptance. Furthermore, as the reviewer suggested, we revised the language of our manuscript.

Reviewer#2

Dear Editor, I read with great pleasure the paper titled "Overlapped Delta-shaped Anastomosis-An Innovative Intracorporeal Anastomosis Technique of Totally Laparoscopic Colectomy for Colon Cancer : Short-term of Outcomes". I have no objections to the paper and recommend it for priority publishing.

Response: As the reviewer suggested, we revised the language of our manuscript.

Secondly, Wang P and Zhou HT make equal contributions to this work. So what I would like to emphasize is that both of us should be considered as the co-first authors, and all authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

Finally, we thank all reviewers again for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions. We hope that these revisions have improved the manuscript and will make it acceptable for publication in **World Journal of Gastroenterology (WJG)**.

If there are any questions, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and we are looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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