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Dear Editor:

**Subject:** Submission of revised paper ID-63571

Thank you for e-mail regarding paper entitled **“Quality of Life after Colorectal Surgery: A Prospective Study of Patients Compared with their Spouses”**

enclosing the reviewers' comments. We have carefully reviewed the comments and have revised the manuscript accordingly. Our responses are provided in a point-by-point manner below.

We hope that the revised version is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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## Point-by-point responses to the Reviewer's comments:

### Response to Reviewer:

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript and your valuable comments. We have answered each of your points below.

**Remark:** This manuscript is very interesting and impressive. As the authors compared the quality of life (QoL) of patients after colorectal surgery to the QoL of spouses. I need to see more information about your topic as background in your abstract, is their permission to use all these scales, and I hope to see some limitations for your study.

**Reply:** Thank you for this comment. We wrote the abstract session again and we added a limitation paragraph at the end of the discussion session.

**Remark:** There were no tables, so I can not evaluate it.

**Reply:** Thank you for this comment. We already upload the tables.

**Remark:** I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions;

**Reply:** Thank you for this comment. We provided the author contributions.

**Remark:** I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout

**Reply:** Thank you for this comment. We revised the reference list.

**Remark:** I found the authors did not write the “article highlight” section. Please write the “article highlights” section at the end of the main text.

**Reply:** We wrote the “article highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Thank you again for your comments.

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