

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7722-review.doc).

Title: Gastrointestinal Metabolic Surgery for the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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

1. The format has been updated.
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer #1 (02494120)

Comment 1) I suggest to change the title with: "Gastrointestinal Metabolic Surgery for the treatment of type 2 Diabetes Mellitus"

Response: We changed the title of the manuscript to "Gastrointestinal Metabolic Surgery for the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus".

Reviewer #3 (00503542)

Comment 1) The abstract seems like introduction. Please include important findings and some conclusive statements.

Response: The abstract has been revised as suggested, with some conclusive statements added.

Comment 2) Abbreviations such as RYGB, LSG DJB-SG, TGR5 and IDF need to be spelled out at their first appearance. From this point, types of metabolic surgery may be mentioned in an earlier part of the manuscript.

Response: All the abbreviations, including those mentioned above, have been spelled out at their first appearance. The manuscript has been revised with the types of metabolic surgery mentioned in the early part of the manuscript. We added a paragraph with the subtitle 'TAILORED APPROACH FOR THE SELECTION OF THE APPROPRIATE METABOLIC SURGERY' to separate part of the content from the types of metabolic surgery.

Comment 3) English can be improved. And more careful proofreading is needed. The style of the references is not consistent (use of capital letters, etc.). What is "Ileal transposition (II)"?

Response: We corrected the spelling and grammatical issues with assistance from a native English speaker who edited the manuscript. The style of the references was updated. We corrected the spelling error "Ileal tansposition (II)" to "Ileal interposition (II)".

Reviewer #4 (00722715)

Comment 1) It was better to provide the method of literature review and searching criteria.

Response: We added a paragraph on the methods of the literature search after the introduction.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eng-Hong Pok', written in a cursive style.

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