

ANSWERS TO REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9109-review-R2.doc).

Title: Central Pancreatectomy - The Dagradi Serio Iacono Operation. Evolution of a Surgical Technique from the Pioneers to the Robotic Approach

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The manuscript has been re-revised according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer n 00182188

Q1: This is a historical review article. We recommend some fixes from English and removal of some transcriptions that can be replaced by photographs or illustrations (see highlighted in the paper). The figures cited in the manuscript were not attached.

A1: According to the reviewer suggestions we reduced the descriptions, but the figures of some procedures and techniques are not available from the original papers. The figures cited in the manuscript were already attached during the first submission.

Reviewer n 00029319

Q1 In this study you give a summary of published descriptions about the central pancreatectomy from the beginning in 1908 until the current state of research. Your manuscript shows the development in technique and in the field of application of the central pancreatectomy as a segmental and parenchyma sparing procedure. In the year 1982 Dagradi and Serio published the first complete central pancreatectomy. Central pancreatectomy is being used to remove benign or low malignant tumors from the neck of the pancreas. This mentioned procedure has its role next to pancreaticoduodenectomy and the distal pancreatectomy and it is therefore a topic of interest. However, it does not bring out any new insights. It gets the perception of a chronological order of what has been published so far. The manuscript is well presented but it would be more readable if the quotations would be better integrated in the text. Concerning the title of the article it is short and reflects the contents well. The abstract of your article gives a short delineation of the research background and informed the reader of the results. There is nothing mentioned about the methods for researching. In the main part it would be of high interest if you could give any numbers of the quote for the incidence of exocrine and endocrine insufficiency belonging to the systematic review. The conclusion is not easy to identify, it is not exactly clear to whom you would give the most honour to in the end.

A1 The main aim of this historical review manuscript was to describe the origin and the evolution of the CP. We

added the methods of data search and the database utilized for the data collection. We added a paragraph about endocrine and exocrine results of CP.

Reviewer n 00505458

Q1 Very interesting and fair presentation of the history of this procedure. For readers it may be more convenient if the original text is presented as translation in English, and the text in native language added in addition at the bottom. Recent lit such as (JAMA Surg. 2014 Feb 26. doi: 10.1001/jamasurg.2013.4146. [Epub ahead of print] Reappraisal of Central Pancreatectomy: A 12-Year Single-Center Experience. Goudard Y1, Gaujoux S2, Dockmak S1, Cros J3, Couvelard A3, Palazzo M4, Ronot M5, Vullierme MP5, Ruszniewski P4, Belghiti J6, Sauvanet A6.) should be included.

A1 we followen the suggestion of the reviewer and we included the original description in the text and the English translation in the page notes. We also added a new sentence with the suggested reference.

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

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