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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Polysorb[®] (an absorbable lactomer) staples, a safe closure technique for distal pancreatic resection.

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Comments to Reviewer by 00181296.

No Grade A fistula developed in any of the operated patients at all. In patients with firm pancreatic tissue the stapler was applied successfully without any complications, but in the event of a bulky tail of the pancreas with a dilated pancreatic duct or stenotic papilla Vateri, a bypass operation (pancreato-jejunostomy) was used.

(2) Comments to Reviewer by 02860797.

1. In our study, all of the patients were followed up for one year postoperatively. During this period, no patients died. 150 operated patients is a reasonably acceptable number to confirm the effectiveness of this surgical method.

2. No patients participated in the hand-sewn method in our clinical work, but if the ERCP proved stenosis, obstruction of the papilla Vateri or a dilated main duct of the pancreas, Wirsungo-jejunostomy was applied.

3. The ISGPT criterion was also adopted for patients who were operated on before 2005. The prospective data on these patients are available in our computer database.

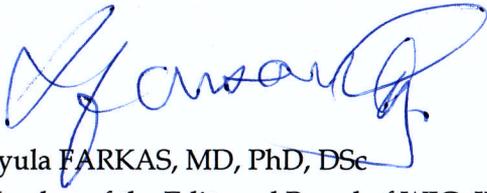
(3) Comments to Reviewer by 00181296.

I agree with the reviewer that it is necessary a randomized multicenter study to prove the effectiveness of the method. This sentence is also included in my original manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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