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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS manuscript No: 5144-Review.doc).

Title: Retroileal trans-mesenteric colorectal anastomosis

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

- 1) Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the administrator:
 - a) Authorship has been cleared
 - b) The core-tip has been added
 - c) References and typesetting were corrected
 - d) Format has been updated
 - e) Figure legend has been modified

Reviewer nr. 00504150:

- The statement in pg.6 has been changed, as well as the statement in pg.2, according to your suggestion
- Figure 1 legend has been modified. Figure 1 A shows only the level of mesenteric window after proximal colonic transection.

Reviewer nr. 00505493:

- Authors' experience has been added
- The vascular anatomy has been cleared
- The laparoscopic technique has been extended and clarified.
- "Delorme" procedure has been changed

Reviewer nr. 00505508:

- Authors' experience, including clinical outcomes, has been added

Reviewer nr. 00182422:

- Clinical experience has been added
- "Delorme" has been changed
- In the discussion, the part related to ileo-rectal anastomosis has been extended and clarified

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Surgical Procedures*

Sincerely yours,

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