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Dear editor,

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Title: Impact of Resection Margins on Long-term Survival after Pancreaticoduodenectomy for Pancreatic Head Carcinoma

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First of all, thank you for your careful guidance of this article. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

Reviewer: 02857964

In recent years, the status of the resection margin has received much attention, but controversies still exist. The impact of resection margin status on the long-term OS of patients differs with different evaluation procedures and standards. Some studies suggested that long-term OS for patients with R0 resection was significantly better than that for patients with R1 resection, while other studies indicated no significant differences. In this study, the authors investigated the impact of resection margin status on long-term OS in patients with pancreatic head carcinoma after pancreaticoduodenectomy based on the TNM standard. 1. The title reflects the main subject of the manuscript. 2. The methods are clearly described. 3. Results are interesting. Data in the tables are excellent. 4. References are updated, and well discussed. 5. The manuscript required a minor editing of language.

Thank you for your advice.

After receiving the comments, we read the article carefully and found some small loopholes in the language of the article and made modifications. Some changes were made on lines 2 of page 4, lines 9 of page 5, lines 11 and 24 of page 8, lines 2 and 3 of page 9, and

lines 10 of page 6.

Reviewer: 02857413

Well designed study, with interesting results. The statistical analyses of the data is very good. The limit of the study is also discussed. Only some minor language should be revised.

We thank the reviewer for bringing these errors to our attention.

On lines 2 of page 4, lines 9 of page 5, lines 11 and 24 of page 8, lines 2 and 3 of page 9, and lines 10 of page 6.

According to the suggestion, we changed the relevant description.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely Yours,

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