

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

May 15th, 2014



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10281-edited.doc).

Title: Current Status of Laparoscopy for the Treatment of Rectal Cancer

Authors: Noam Shussman and Steven D Wexner

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 10281

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

1. The format has been updated as required
2. An abstract and key words were added
3. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:
 - The paragraph regarding short term outcomes of a previously published series from our institution was better clarified and was moved from the "technique" section to the "short term results" section.
 - References numbered 10-11 were switched in order, so that they will appear in the text by their new order according to the above mentioned change

The revised sections are highlighted within the text.

4. References were corrected including addition of PMID and DOI numbers to the references

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Noam Shussman'.

Noam Shussman, MD

Department of Colorectal Surgery

Cleveland Clinic Florida

2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd, Weston, FL 33331, USA

noams@hadassah.org.il