

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15869-review.doc).

**Title:** Comparison of two types of colectomy in treating slow transit constipation with or without melanosis coli

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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) "The core-tip is lacking. Please, write it."

Reply: The core-tip has been added in the manuscript.

(2) "There are few grammar/spelling errors."

Reply: The language of this manuscript has been reviewed by a native English speaker, and the grammar/spelling errors has been revised.

(3) "Please, re-write exclusion criteria (patients with surgical contraindication!!)"

Reply: Thank you for your advice. We have re-write exclusion criteria and specify the contraindication. As follows:

The exclusion criteria were as follows: (1) suspicion of organic colon diseases such as tumor, ankylosing enteritis or congenital megacolon; (2) patients with absolute surgical contraindication, for example, acute myocardial infarction within 6 months, cardiac and respiratory failure, severe pulmonary infection and arrhythmia, diabetic ketoacidosis with blood glucose exceeding 11.1mol/L, and mental disorder.

(4) "Introduction. Please, mention this section. Last paragraph: please, re-write it and make it clear (which are the two procedures?)"

Reply: Your comment is very important. We have modified the Introduction section according to the example essay. In the last paragraph, we have deleted the "two procedures" and made it clear as "CRA and ISA."

(5) Please, mention the limitations of your study (retrospective etc)

Reply: We have added the limitations of this study at the last paragraph. As follows"

This study preliminarily probed the choice of surgical procedures in treating STC with or without MC and existed some limitations. Firstly, the precise mechanism to determine which STC with MC

patients were prone to recur remains unknown. In second place, a larger sample size and further research are necessary to validate our conclusions. Lastly, this research was a retrospective study with limited clinical credibility and randomized clinical trials will be necessary to confirm the conclusion.


(6) Discussion section, last paragraph should be re-written as a present format is rather confusing.

Reply: Thank you for your precious advice. We have modified the Discussion section and last paragraph and try our best to make it clear and meet the standard of publication.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wei Chen', on a light gray rectangular background.

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