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Title: Intra-abdominal drainage following pancreatic resection. A systematic review.

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank again for your kind invitation to contribute to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. As we revised the manuscript, we would like to re-submit this paper: **Intra-abdominal drainage following pancreatic resection. A systematic review.**

It is a review discussing an important topic of drain management following pancreatic resections. The article has not been published elsewhere and is not currently under consideration by another journal. The paper includes one figure and three tables. All authors contributed to the work and are in agreement with the content of the manuscript.

We revised the manuscript according to the reviewers' comments. All the changes in the manuscript are underlined.

We would like to respond to the reviewers comments.

1/ The criterion to the selective drainage remains unclear. Lim suggested a predictive model of POPF based on body mass index (BMI), pathologic grading of fatty infiltration, and fibrosis in the pancreatic transection margin. A useful model in determining the risk of POPF is the fistula risk score (FRS) introduced by Callery et al. in 2013. Selective intraabdominal drainage based on the FRS was suggested by McMillan et al., however, it has not been validated yet.

Regarding the timing of removal, early removal of drains in patients with low risk of POPF development is advocated.

2/ The Introduction was significantly shortened and concentrates on the main topic now.

3/ The Conclusion was revised and changed according to the analysis of the literature.

Furthermore, the manuscript was revised according to the Editor's instructions.

The manuscript was updated according to the Format for Systematic Review.

The Audio core tip is provided.

The manuscript was subjected to CrossCheck analysis using the iThenticate tool.

The final title was subjected to Google Scholar search.

No biostatistics was used in the manuscript.

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

No additional data are available.

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Thank you for considering the work for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

With kind regards

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