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Dear Editor,

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**Title:** Prophylactic intra-peritoneal drain placement following pancreaticoduodenectomy:  
A systematic review and meta-analysis

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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) I am sure the present article will be highly useful for the readers. The language has been polished according to the paper requirements.

(2) In our study, intra-peritoneal drain placement following pancreaticoduodenectomy is associated with greater mortality despite causing fewer complications overall. We have expanded on this result in the discussion. Moreover, additional comments on the indications for post-operative drainage applied in each study are detailed in the discussion.

(3) Type of drain may affect the occurrence of complications and prognosis and we have elaborated this point in the discussion. Baseline disease details could clearly greatly affect outcome and this information has already been given in the Table 1. Notably, all included studies bar one include equal proportions of benign and malignant disease

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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