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Dear editor:

We do appreciate you for your consideration and review of our manuscript (*Manuscript NO.: 90049, Systematic Reviews, Quality of life after pancreatic surgery*). We are also grateful for constructive remarks and suggestions on our manuscript from you and the reviewer. We have carefully revised the manuscript by incorporating all the suggestions by the review panel. Each suggested revision and comment, brought forward by all of you was accurately incorporated and considered. We rewrote our background to added content, added the latest cutting-edge research results into our manuscripts, and checked our manuscripts word-for-word. Details revision was shown as follows. The changes to our manuscript within the document were also highlighted with yellow color.

We sincerely hope this revised manuscript has addressed your concerns and this manuscript will be accepted to be published on *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

We would like to appreciate you again for your kind consideration of our work and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards

Sincerely

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Point-by-point Response.

Reviewer

1. *Kindly rewrite the Background as it is very short. Kindly mention physiological role of pancreas, complexity of the pancreatic surgery and thus higher chances of alteration in the general quality of life in these patients.*

1. Reply: We appreciate it very much for this good suggestion, and we have done it according to your ideas. We rewrote our background to add physiological role of pancreas (page 4, line 23), complexity of the pancreatic surgery (page 5, line 4) and higher chances of alteration quality of life (page 4, line 13). Your suggestions rounded out our manuscript.

2. *There are minor spelling mistakes and typos at one or two places.*

2. Reply: We are very sorry for our careless mistakes and we have gone over our manuscript many times to correct spelling errors and grammatical errors. You can find them in many places in our manuscript, such as on page 5, line 16 and so on.

3. *Overall a very relevant and well written article. Well done!*

3. We do appreciate the positive comments from you.

Science editor

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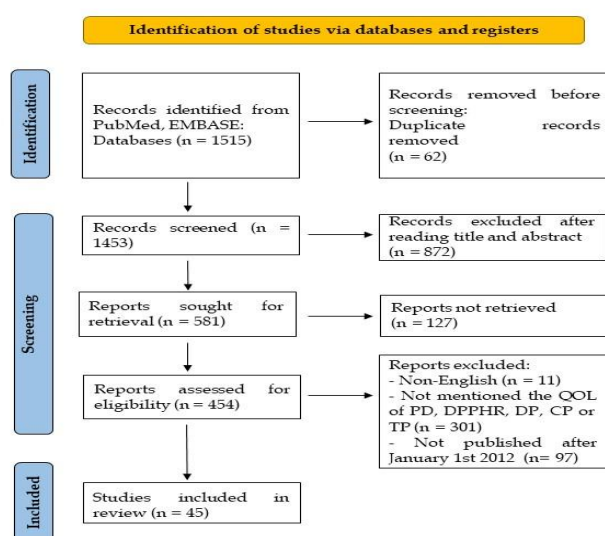


Figure 1 PRISMA flow diagram. QOL: Quality of life; PD: Pancreaticoduodenectomy; DPPHR: Duodenum-preserving pancreatic head resection; DP: Distal pancreatectomy; CP: Central pancreatectomy; TP: Total pancreatectomy.

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4. Please provide all fund documents.

4. Reply: We uploaded the documents of our fund on the system.

5. Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

5. Reply: We do appreciate for your consideration and review of our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript carefully according to your request. We sincerely hope to have the opportunity to publish this manuscript on your journal.

Company editor-in-chief

1. I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted.

1. Reply: We do appreciate you for your positive comments and for giving us the opportunity to revise the article.

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