The Editor in Chief World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

Dear Sir or Madam

We would like to thank the reviewers for their time and their effort in reviewing our manuscript 90537. We have read the reviewers' constructive criticisms and made the necessary changes. As requested, we have prepared a point-by-point outline of the changes and highlighted the revised / added contents in yellow colour, as outlined below:

- Reviewer 1 commented: Background. Needs some contemporary literature data about postoperative complications.
 Thank you for this comment. We have updated the introduction with more contemporary literature, along with modern references. Now, 23 of the 32 references are from the year 2017 or above.
- Reviewer 1 commented: Methods. Describes well Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.
- Reviewer 1 commented: Results. Although they are a low-volume center, their data are compatible with the literature. Having two experienced HPB experts may play a role in this.

Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.

• Reviewer 1 commented: Discussion. The HPB protocol implemented by the authors is quite well organized. Good preoperative and postoperative care may have contributed to the good results.

Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.

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Unfortunately, this comment is unclear and we are uncertain whether the reviewer is satisfied with the tables or has a suggestion for improvement.

- Reviewer 1 commented: Biostatistics. YES Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.
- Reviewer 1 commented: References. 5-6 of the 32 bibliographies belong to the years after 2017.

Thank you for this comment. We have added more contemporary literature, with references. Now, 23 of the 32 references are from the year 2017 or above.

- Reviewer 1 commented: The subject is explained very simply. The results and the applied procedure can gain meaning in the literature as demographic data. Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.
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- Reviewer 1 commented: The ethics statements is suitable Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.
- Reviewer 1 commented: Language polishing is required for authors who are non-native speakers of English.

We confirm that all authors are native speakers of the English language and guarantee that all statements are made in proper grammar and context. Therefore, as we are prepare to stand by our guarantee for proper use of the English language, our manuscript has not been sent to a language editing company.

- The Editorial Office commented: In general, do not use non-standard abbreviations, unless they appear at least two times in the text preceding the first usage/definition. Any abbreviation used in this manuscript has been used at least twice since its first definition
- The Editorial Office commented: Abbreviations are not permitted in the title. Please spell
 out any abbreviation in the title.
 In response to the reviewer's comments, the abbreviation that appeared in the title
 has been removed and replaced with the full word. The title now reads "Rescue
 from Complications after Pancreaticoduodenectomies at a Low-Volume Caribbean
 Center: Value of Tailored Peri-Pancreatectomy Protocols"
- The Editorial Office commented: Running title: Abbreviations are permitted. Also, please shorten the running title to no more than 6 words. There are no abbreviations in the running title and the title is 6 words only.
- The Editorial Office commented: Abstract: Abbreviations must be defined upon first appearance in the Abstract.
 There is one abbreviation in the abstract and it is defined upon first use.

- The Editorial Office commented: Key Words: Abbreviations must be defined upon first appearance in the Key Words. **There are no abbreviations in the Key Words**
- The Editorial Office commented: Core Tip: Abbreviations must be defined upon first appearance in the Core Tip.
 There are no abbreviations in the Core Tip
- The Editorial Office commented: Main Text: Abbreviations must be defined upon first appearance in the Main Text.
 All abbreviations used are defined prior to its first use in the text.
- The Editorial Office commented: Article Highlights: Abbreviations must be defined upon first appearance in the Article Highlights. All abbreviations are defined before its first use in the highlights.
- The Editorial Office commented: Abbreviations are not allowed in the Figure title. For the Figure Legend text, abbreviations are allowed but must be defined upon first appearance in the text.
 There are no figures in this manuscript
- The Editorial Office commented: Abbreviations are not allowed in the Table title. For the Table itself, please verify all abbreviations used in tables are defined (separated by semicolons) directly underneath the table.
 There are no abbreviations in the table title and all abbreviations are defined by semicolons under the table.
- The Editorial Office commented: Manuscript's theme: The topic is within the scope of the journal.
 Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.
- The Editorial Office commented:: The author submitted a study of rescue from complications after pancreaticoduodenectomies at a low-volume caribbean center. The manuscript is overall qualified.
 Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.
- The Editorial Office commented: Advantages and disadvantages: The reviewer have given positive peer-review reports for the manuscript. Classification: Grade C; Language Quality: Grade B. The study needs some contemporary literature data about postoperative complications. The HPB protocol implemented by the authors is quite well organized. Good preoperative and postoperative care may have contributed to the good results. The results and the applied procedure can gain meaning in the literature as demographic data. **Thank you for this kind comment. No changes are required in response to this comment.**

- The Editorial Office commented: Main manuscript content: The author clearly stated the purpose of the study and the research structure is complete. However, the manuscript is still required a further revision according to the detailed comments listed below. Thank you for this comment. We have revised the manuscript as requested and the responses follow the detailed comments below to which the Editorial office has referred.
- The Editorial Office commented: There are no Figures and 2 Tables should be improved. Detailed suggestions for each are listed in the specific comments section. There are no figures accompanying this manuscript. The tables have been revised according to the reviewers' comments. The tables have been uploaded as a separate file.
- The Editorial Office commented: A total of 37 references are cited, including 5 published in the last 3 years.
 Thank you for this comment. We have added more contemporary literature, with references. Now, 23 of the 32 references are from the year 2017 or above.
- The Editorial Office commented: Please provide the PMID numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. If there is no PMID or DOI, please provide the website address.

All references have been updated according to the journal specifications. PMID and DOI details have been added.

The Editorial Office commented: Abbreviations other than special types of words such as COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 are not allowed in the article title, and no more than 18 words are allowed.
 All abbreviations have now been removed from the title. The title consists of 17

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• The Editorial Office commented: The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text (and directly before the References)

As suggested by the editorial office, we have added the article highlight section at the end of the main text and directly before the references.

- The Editorial Office commented: The manuscript lacks an abstract. The abstract includes five parts: "Background", "AIM", "Methods", "RESULTS", and "CONFUSION". The abstract for this paper was included in the title page. However, as requested, it has been moved to the main body of the paper and contains the five parts as suggested.
- The Editorial Office commented: Please add the Core tip section. The number of words should be controlled between 50-100 words.
 As requested by the Editorial Office, we have added a Core Tip Section that contains 96 words.
- The Editorial Office commented: Please provide 4-10 keywords. We have included 4 keywords that appear immediately after the abstract.

- The Editorial Office commented: Please add the author's contribution section. The format of this section will be as follows: Author contributions: Wang CL, Liang L, Fu JF, Zou CC, Hong F and Wu XM designed the research; Wang CL, Zou CC, Hong F and Wu XM performed the research; Xue JZ and Lu JR contributed new reagents/analytic tools; Wang CL, Liang L and Fu JF analyzed the data; Wang CL, Liang L and Fu JF wrote the paper. **The author's contribution section has been added.**
- The Editorial Office commented: Authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content.

The tables have been revised according to the journal's specifications and uploaded as separate files.

 The Editorial Office commented: Please provide the primary version (PDF) of the Institutional Review Board's official approval, prepared in the official language of the authors' country.
 The formal ethics document documenting review and approval by the local

institutional review board has been uploaded to the system.

• The Editorial Office commented: Please provide the primary version (PDF) of the Informed Consent Form that has been signed by all subjects and investigators of the study, prepared in the official language of the authors' country.

As recommended by the editor for prior manuscript, a sample / template of the informed consent document for surgery has been attached and uploaded

• The Editorial Office commented: Please provide the filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

The Conflict of Interest / Disclosure form has been uploaded.

- The Editorial Office commented: Please provide the STROBE statement. The STROBE statement has been included.
- The Editorial Office commented: Please provide the Biostatistics Review Certificate. **The biostatistics review certificate is included.**
- The Company editor-in-chief commented: If your manuscript is an Original Study, the "Article Highlights" section is required. Detailed writing requirements for the "Article Highlights" can be found in the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision. Article highlights have been included
- The Editorial Office commented: Please revise the references according to the Format for <u>References Guidelines</u>, and be sure to edit the reference using the reference auto-analyser. All references have been revised to comply with the guidelines and uploaded to the auto-analyser.

- The Editorial Office commented: Please provide decomposable Figures (in which all components are movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file, and submit as "90537-Figures.pptx" on the system. The figures should be uploaded to the file destination of "Image File". Please check and confirm whether the figures are original (i.e. generated de novo by the author(s) for this paper). If the picture is 'original', the author needs to add the following copyright information to the bottom right-hand side of the picture in PowerPoint (PPT): Copyright ©The Author(s). **There are no figures accompanying this manuscript.**
- The Editorial Office commented: Please provide decomposable Tables (in which all components are movable and editable), organize them into a single Word file, and submit as "90537-Tables.docx" on the system. The tables should be uploaded to the file destination of "Table File".

The tables have been revised and prepared as decomposable tables and uploaded separately

• The Editorial Office commented: Please upload relevant documents via the F6Publishing system.

As requested by the editorial office, the following documents have been uploaded to the F6 publishing system:

- (1) 90537-Answering Reviewers
- (2) 90537-Audio Core Tip
- (3) 90537-Biostatistics Review Certificate
- (4) 90537-Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form
- (5) 90537-Copyright License Agreement
- (7) 90537-Signed Informed Consent Form(s) or Document(s)
- (8) 90537-Institutional Review Board Approval Form or Document
- (9) 90537-Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate
- (12) 90537-Table File
- (13) 90537-STROBE Statement
- The Editorial Office commented: For all manuscripts involving human studies and/or animal experiments, author(s) must submit the related formal ethics documents that were reviewed and approved by their local ethical review committee. This is mandatory and is one of the determining factors for whether or not the manuscript will be finally accepted. **The formal ethics document documenting review and approval by the local institutional review board has been uploaded to the system.**
- The Editorial Office commented: All authors should accept and sign the Copyright License Agreement (CLA), following the link sent in individual emails to each author. **The copyright license agreement has been signed by all authors and uploaded to the electronic system**
- The Editorial Office commented: Please click and download the fillable ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest and fill it in. The Corresponding Author is responsible for filling out this form The conflict of interest form has been completed and uploaded to the electronic system

Please allow us to submit this revised version to be reconsidered for publication.

Regards Shamir cawich