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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript 9742-re-edited.doc in Word format.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1 (00535896)

1. New details have been incorporated in the Introduction in the effort to present more clearly the three cases. The concepts about the different anastomotic configurations have been illustrated and the rationale behind the diffusion of side-to-side anastomoses in the laparoscopic era has been elucidated.
2. As asked by the Reviewer, we removed all the abbreviations.

Reviewer 2 (00504581)

1. We provided more elements about the different types of ileocolonic reconstructions and their implications in long-term morbidities after right hemicolectomy.
2. In the Discussion section, a deeper revision of further experiences regarding the *blind loop syndrome* and its correlation with the side-to-side anastomosis was drafted.

Reviewer 3 (00012309)

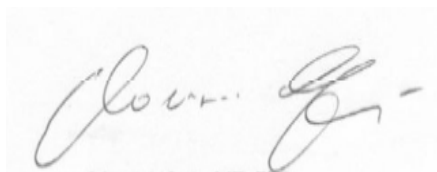
1. The english language has been thoroughly revised and improved in order to meet the language proficiency criteria required for pubblication by the Journal (grade A).

Besides:

- A) New words or sentences have been written using red fonts to clearly highlight the changes applied to the text of the re-edited version of the manuscript.
- B) Further references were included reaching a total of 11.
- C) Typesetting was corrected (1.5-space and Book antiqua 10) according to the standard of the Journal.
- D) The definitive version of the manuscript includes only 3 co-authors instead of the original 4.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maurizio Iaria', is shown on a light background.

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