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Dear Editor,

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Title: Placement of prophylactic pancreatic stents to prevent post-ERCP pancreatitis in high-risk patients: a meta-analysis

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your constructive comments concerning our manuscript. These comments are all valuable and extremely helpful. We have made revisions according to your comments and suggestions as follows:

1. About the definitions of the severity of PEP and hyperamylasemia, we have defined it in the text and the Tables.
2. We have added a section of the limitations of the study before the conclusion part, which include sampling bias, evaluation bias and geographical bias.
3. About indications for any surgical treatment after the placement of prophylactic pancreatic stent, we regrettably found that most included trials did not give clear indications for any surgical treatment after the placement of prophylactic pancreatic stent. Therefore, it is hard for us to add data about indications for any surgical treatment.

Thanks and Best regards!

Yours Sincerely,

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