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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3916-review.doc).

Title: Fast-track rehabilitation vs conventional care in laparoscopic colorectal resection for colorectal malignancy: a 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) Because some items might have been implemented in modern traditional care, we made an arbitrary decision that ERAS programs study should include at least 7 items.

(2) Gouvas et al *Int J Colorectal Dis* (2009) 24:1119-1131 did a very similar meta-analysis and found 11 studies (see page 1123 of their article), Gouvas et al (*Int J Colorectal Dis* (2009) 24:1119-1131) is compare fast-track rehabilitation and conventional care, not in laparoscopic colorectal resection for colorectal malignancy. The present study is the first meta-analysis that have compared fast-track rehabilitation and conventional care in laparoscopic colorectal resection for colorectal malignancy and the first meta-analysis of patients undergoing elective colorectal surgery to demonstrate that LFT are associated with a significant reduction in postoperative complications.

(3)Subgroup analysis (colon cancer and rectal cancer) is good,but very little of the original article distinguish it,

we not use it.

(4)10.1% of the men required re-operation for anastomotic leak vs 3.3% of the women is from our study, the reason need further study.

(5)We only extract the mount ofwound infection, there may be error.

(6)5 studies involves studying anesthesia, we excluded the studies.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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