

Answering Reviewers

We appreciate the editor and reviewers for their time and effort to review our paper and providing valuable comments to improve our manuscript. Please find below our point-by-point responses which are marked in red color.

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Response: We have revised the manuscript accordingly and provided point-by-point responses to each comment raised by the editors and reviewers. Thank you.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Major revision

Specific Comments to Authors: To the best of my knowledge this is the first review exploring outcomes and spleen preservation rates of reduced/single port distal pancreatectomy, either robotic or laparoscopic. The topic seems to be worthy of investigation since all minimally invasive procedures are more and more technically demanding and it is natural to wonder whether it is appropriate to approach them with a single port technique. few articles on this topic have been published, so the results of this review are limited to the feasibility and safety of the procedures.

Response: Thank you for identifying the value of our study.

Moreover, the complication and spleen preservation rates suffer from a considerable selection bias as it is certainly the simplest cases to be approached with the single port technique and this must be reported by the authors in a reviewed version of their manuscript.

Response: Thank you very much for this valuable comment. We totally agree that patient selection can influence the complication and spleen preservation rates. To address the reviewer's suggestion, we have added a description of the risk of possible bias due to patient selection at the end of the third paragraph in the Discussion section, as follows: *Moreover, bias in patient selection between multi-port DP and reduced-port DP may also influence the complication and spleen preservation rates.*

Ultimately, I advise authors to remove the language editor's comments in the version they submit in the future. in the one I just reviewed they are all visible.

Response: Thank you very much for the comment. We have corrected the manuscript accordingly.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

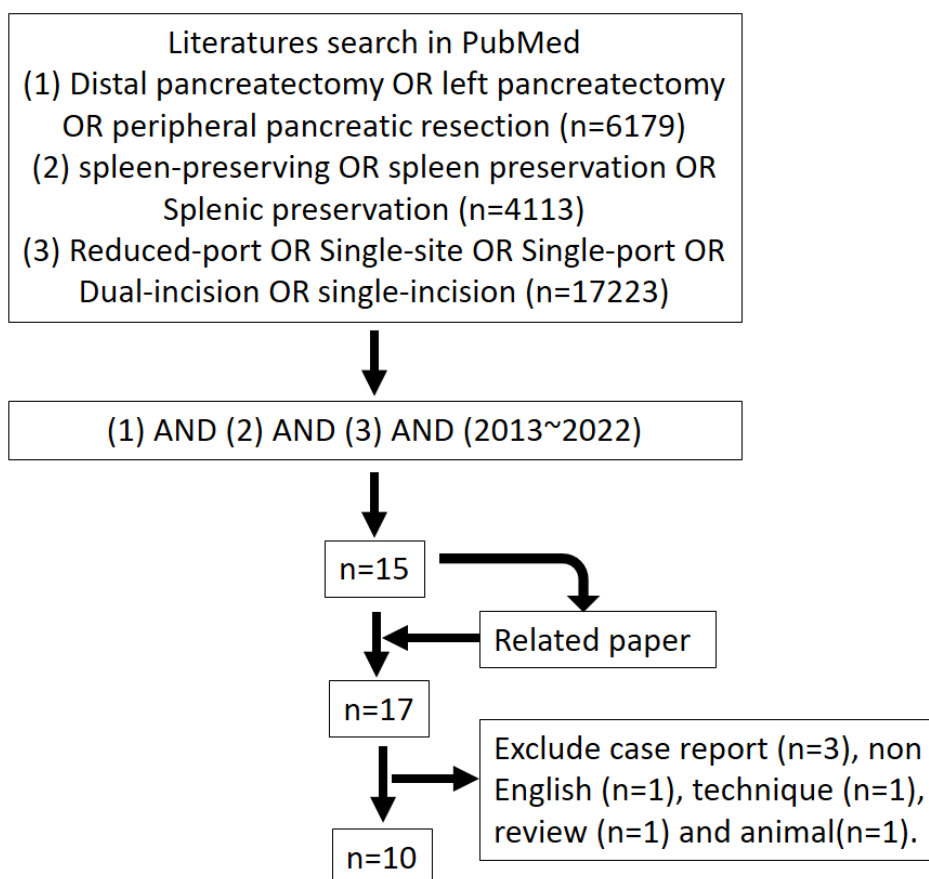
Specific Comments to Authors: This mini-review was well designed and the literature review was collected, and data was relatively detailed.

Response: Thank you very much for these positive comments.

A few comments were as follows:

1. please revise Figure1. (the flowchart).

Response: Thank you very much for the example. Figure 1 has been modified as per the reviewer's suggestion.



2. Please made some explanation of the novelty of this review in the discussion section.

Response: Thank you very much for your thoughtful comment. In accordance with the reviewer's suggestion, we have added an explanation at the third line of the first paragraph in the Discussion section, as follows:

All other published review papers have focused on comparing the advantages and disadvantages of multi-port RDP vs. multi-port LDP [10-13, 24-27]. However, the relative value of reduced-port LDP and reduced-port RDP has not been fully reviewed. This topic is worthy of investigation because the appropriateness of the single-port technique in DP is receiving attention as all minimally invasive procedures are becoming increasingly technically demanding.

3. Please carefully check the meaning of the long sentence for the precise meaning.

Response: Thank you very much for this suggestion. The manuscript has been reviewed by native English speakers to clarify grammatically incorrect or ambiguous sentences.

EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

(1) Science editor:

The manuscript has been peer-reviewed, and it's ready for the first decision.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...". Please provide the original figure documents.

Response: Thank you very much for your assistance. Figure 1 has been modified as per the suggestion made by reviewer #2.

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Response: Thank you very much for your guidance. All tables have been modified to the standard three-line table format.