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Dear Dr. Morawska,

My colleagues and I are re-submitting our manuscript entitled: “Laparoscopy-assisted posterior low anterior resection of rectal cancer”.

We sincerely thank the editors for their additional comments and we feel we have addressed their concerns in a point by point manner. The revised text is in Red lettering highlighted in yellow.

We hope you find our revised manuscript acceptable for publication in your journal.

Yours sincerely,

Yan-Fu Du

1) Requesting trial registration number:

We notice that you are reporting a clinical trial but have not cited a trial registration number. This must be obtained before we can proceed:
Response: We did not prospectively register our trial since we did not know the WMA Declaration of Helsinki “Every research study involving human subjects must be registered in a publicly accessible database before recruitment of the first subject.” However, we have retrospectively registered our trial in the Chinese Clinical Trial Register (ChiCTR) in 19 August 2014 and the trial registration number (ChiCTR-ONC-14005145) was obtained. The requested information has been added to the Abstract.

2) Requesting consent statement:

Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

Response: We have stated the requesting consent statement in the Methods section as follows: “the written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants.”