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Dear Dr. Jenny Marchal:
Thank you very much for your letter. We also thank Prof. Takeshi Tsujino of Department of Gastroenterology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo and Prof. Alberto Mariani of Division of Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital for insightful review of the manuscript.

In the revised manuscript, we have modified the paper according to the reviewers’ suggestions. For the first reviewer Prof. Takeshi Tsujino:
“...The authors have responded adequately to my questions and suggestions in my prior review. I think that the 3rd paragraph in Discussion of the revised manuscript is legible division into two, but I recommend publication.”
Thanks for his good suggestion. We had divided the 3rd paragraph in Discussion into two parts. The 4th paragraph begins in “However, what could be the difference among these RCTs and conclusions?”.

For the second reviewer Prof. Alberto Mariani:
a) in the conclusion of the abstract: Corticosteroids cannot prevent pancreatic injury after ERCP. Therefore, their use in the prophylaxis of PEP is not recommended.
Done as the reviewer had suggested.

b) in the last three lines of the discussion: Therefore, further studies with the standard administration of corticosteroids in ERCP are needed to provide solid evidence regarding its effectiveness in the prevention of post-ERCP pancreatitis.
Done as the reviewer had suggested.

c) in the conclusion (corrections in the last two lines): Therefore, the use of corticosteroids in the prophylaxis of PEP is not routinely recommended.
Done as the reviewer had suggested.

In closing, we would like to thank yourself and editorials for your suggestions. We hope that with the changes outlined above, manuscript will be deemed acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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