Author's response to reviews

Title: The C-Seal Trial: Colorectal anastomosis protected by a biodegradable drain fixed to the anastomosis by a circular stapler, A Multi-Center Randomized Controlled Trial

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised submission of our manuscript of the study protocol of the C-seal trial: ‘The C-seal trial: colorectal anastomosis protected by a biodegradable drain fixed to the anastomosis by a circular stapler – a multi-center randomized clinical trial.’

As described in the initial Cover letter the C-seal trial is funded through a financial grant from Polyganics B.V. In response to your suggestion to further clarify the contributing role of Polyganics, we made the following changes in the manuscript.

- We adjusted the paragraph of the competing interest:

  **Competing interests**

  There are no conflicts of interest. Funding for this study is provided by Polyganics Innovations B.V, Groningen, the Netherlands. Polyganics manufactures the C-seal, they have no role in the design of the trial and they are not in any way involved in collecting and analyzing data or interpreting of the trial results.

- We removed the paragraph of acknowledgements

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We hope the revision of the manuscript is adequate and we kindly you to consider this for publication in the BMC surgery.

Yours Sincerely,

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