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Dear sir/madam,

Please find enclosed the requested changes for the manuscript "Minimally invasive ‘step-up approach’ versus maximal necrosectomy in patients with acute necrotising pancreatitis (PANTER trial): design and rationale of a randomised controlled multicenter trial [ISRCTN38327949]."

The following changes were made:

1. Title and Abstract: Were made identical in the manuscript and in the submission system.
2. Author list: The list of authors in the manuscript was written exactly as in the submission system.
3. Affiliations: Each affiliation was written in full and was provided in the requested format. All institutions are
from the Netherlands, so "The Netherlands" was not mentioned after every author.

4. Running title/ Word count/Key words and m.besselink@umcutrecht.nl were all removed

5. Abstract: "Discussion" replaced "Conclusion" both in the manuscript and in the submission system.

6. References: All references were placed before the full stop.

7. Tables and Figure legends: The Figure legends were placed after the references and the tables were moved to after the Figure legends. Figure 3 was entered as a figure legend in the manuscript.

8. Competing interests: Was moved in front of the Authors' contributions section.

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