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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14233-Review.doc).

Title: New approaches in laparoscopic surgery for colorectal diseases: the totally laparoscopic and single-incision approaches

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Reviewer 227398

Since the sentence “However, we think minimizing the incision in itself is favorable for patients unless the procedure is seen as possibly too complicated or harmful to patients.” is unfounded and not scientific, we deleted it.

The latter half of the comment is a general statement against NOTES. Although NOTES at the current level is far from wide acceptance in clinical practice, we believe NOTES and techniques mentioned in this article have a big potential to innovate surgical procedures.

The reviewer points out that the TEO lacks depth of vision, and maintains TEM system is superior to TEO. However, having much experience of laparoscopic surgery, we prefer 2-D vision on a large clear HD monitor to bending forward and looking in a binocular microscope provided by TEM system.

(2) Reviewer 39422

Since the sentence “However, we think minimizing the incision in itself is favorable for patients unless the procedure is seen as possibly too complicated or harmful to patients.” is unfounded and not scientific, we deleted the sentence.

Since we have no experience of NOTES, figures describing NOTES cannot be included in this article. A figure describing single-incision approach is added.

(3) Reviewer 58269

Since the aim of this article is to give readers a general view on the current status of minimally invasive surgery, especially NOSE technique and single-incision technique, the comment is slightly irrelevant. In terms of new knowledge, we have published several articles in this field and mentioned the results in this article.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Surgical Procedures*.

Sincerely yours,

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