

Answering reviewers

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 22277-review.doc).

Title: Laparoscopic treatment of complicated colonic diverticular disease: A review

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Reviewer 02924160

We thank reviewer 02924160 for the detailed comments he (she) suggested in order to improve the quality of our paper.

We would like to precise that the English language has been validated by the American Journal Experts (AJE) as recommended in the WJGS authors' instructions. The AJE certificate has been jointly submitted. Upon your request, the English language has been polished with replacement of potential confusing sentences.

We totally agree that this review address the issue of laparoscopy for complicated diverticulitis, a way further than laparoscopy for complicated diverticular disease. We proceeded to modifications in the text in order to eliminate any confusion, if the title was to be changed.

We apologize for the misunderstanding that occurred in the abstract. The latter has been modified accordingly. The aims of this review have been precisely defined in the last paragraph of the introduction. "To validate the advantages of laparoscopy in elective situations such as sigmoidectomy for chronic complications or HP reversal" was not one of them but stated as a future perspective for randomized trials. This explains why this phrase is not mentioned in the introduction.

In this review, we aimed to provide a critical analysis of the role of laparoscopy in the management of complicated diverticulitis in both the elective and emergent settings. The "sigmoidectomy: RPA and Hartmann's procedure" section is dedicated to the emergent situation and, in our opinion, is not suitable for the discussion of chronic complications.

The updated series of Letarte et al. has been added in the text and the reference list.

The name of the journal for reference 44 has been added. We apologize for this inadvertence.

Reviewer 02552429

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According to your comments, the conclusion has been thoroughly modified including a summarizing algorithm that highlights the critical determinants for treatment options and the fields that need clarifications by future randomized controlled trials.

Reviewer 03260488

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Reviewer 03253808

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