

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format

**Title:** Back to basics: a meta-analysis of stump management during open appendicectomy for uncomplicated acute appendicitis.

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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) The aim of the study is interesting. However, the statistical analysis is poor. In particular, no p value was reported either for OR and for heterogeneity tests.

**We added all these data.**

(2) Moreover, the quality of the figures is very poor.

**We tried our best to improve them. The only way was to separate the two previous figures into four panels (2a, 2b, 3a, 3b). The editor will decide how publish them, either as 4 separate figures or combine them again into 2 figures.**

(3) Study selection criteria were unclear. Many studies were searched in the MEDLINE. Please clarify.

**We have clarified the entire paragraph.**

(4) Minor 1. All figures were poor quality. The author would be required to upload clearer figures.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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