

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6778-Review.doc).

Title: Peritoneal adhesions after laparoscopic gastrointestinal surgery

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

Reviewer 02730369

1. The sections previously displaced in great detail have been shortened.
2. Untypical verbalizations have been revised.
3. Subserosal ischemia due to high intra-peritoneal pressure has been added among reasons for adhesions in laparoscopy.
4. A new chapter (CHEMICAL ANTI-ADHESIVE AGENTS) has been added to the revised manuscript regarding fibrinolytic agents, anticoagulants, and anti-inflammatory agents.
5. A new chapter (PATHOGENESIS OF ADHESION FORMATION) has been added to the revised manuscript regarding pathogenesis of adhesion formation.
6. A new chapter (MULTI-PORT VERSUS SINGLE-PORT LAPAROSCOPY) has been added to the revised manuscript regarding differences of multi-port and single-port laparoscopy.
7. The manuscript has been edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by highly qualified native English speaking editors at American Journal Experts.

Reviewer 02544377

1. Figures 1 to 3 have been omitted.
2. A Table has been added to show definitive adverse factors which cause peritoneal adhesion and proposed preventive factors.

Reviewer 02713346

1. More papers regarding surgeons in gastroenterology and hepatobiliary have been added to the revised manuscript.
2. A new chapter (ANTI-ADHESION BARRIERS) has been added to the revised manuscript regarding the efficacy of anti-adhesion barriers.
3. The manuscript has been edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by highly qualified native English speaking editors at American Journal Experts.

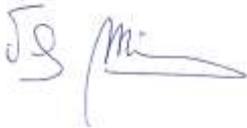
Editor

1. The word version document has been resubmitted (6778-Review.doc).
2. The manuscript has been edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by highly qualified native English speaking editors at American Journal Experts (see the editorial certificate 9642-0912-BDB5-9B31-DE09).

3. The manuscript has been extensively revised based on the peer-reviewers' comments and on current progress in research in the relevant field (see references 1, 9, 18, 20, 25, 36, 37, 38, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58, and 74, and the new chapter "A GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PREVENTING ADHESIONS IN LAPAROSCOPY").
4. PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation have been added to the reference list. All papers have PubMed citation number. Only two papers have no DOI citation and the first page of these papers has been provided (references 55 and 64).
5. All the revisions I made have been highlighted in blue color in the revised manuscript.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'VM' followed by a stylized flourish.

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