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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8408-review.doc).



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

1 Format has been updated. Kindly note that the format of the forest plots and funnel plots cannot be modified.

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

(1) Title was revised

(2) and (3) Reference 2 was deleted

(4) The term "cholecystectomy" was not included, because this study is part of a project investigating the effect of several laparoscopic and open procedures in elderly patients, as outlined in Material and Methods

(5) Unfortunately it is practically not possible to review the full texts of all retrieved articles. The author team followed in these terms the current principles of systematic reviewing.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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