

To the editor,

First of all, we want to thank you for a thorough review and constructive suggestions that will improve the manuscript considerably. Furthermore, we want to thank you for provisionally accepting the paper. Beneath, we have addressed the issues raised by the reviewers. We are looking forward to your reply.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This article is a well written article which provide a new approach for the infected WONs. This approach may be necessary to obtain infection control and regression in some patients with complex collections.

Reply: We sincerely thank the reviewer for complementing the paper.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors describe two cases of patients hospitalized for sepsis due to large WONs, due to acute necrotizing pancreatitis. The described technique is to be considered a rescue therapy, considering that most WONs can be successfully treated with the endoscopic or percutaneous radiological approach, with resolution in 70-80% of cases. However, a minimally invasive surgical approach with the use of a laparoscopic access platform is not well-described in literature, and therefore can be considered an original finding. The limits of the described technique are: - Its use only in well-selected cases; - The unknown recurrence rate, after removal of the system; - Cost issue.

Reply: We thank the reviewer for pointing the issues in relation to costs and recurrence rate. We have added these limitations to the paper.