

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11355-review.doc).

Title: Laparoscopy for ventriculoperitoneal shunt implantation and revision surgery.

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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

REVIEWER 1

(1) Reviewer Comments:

Matter of interest: it is a very interesting manuscript.

Language: grammatical and linguistic revision needs to be performed by English native speaker.

It is a very interesting Manuscript but there are only few studies considered in the review, the bibliographic literature search is poor, the method of analysis may be not correct. The authors have not reported a diagram showing the study methodology, the number of abstracts and articles identified and evaluated during the review process.

We have added a diagram of manuscript analysis flow. We performed a critical review.

REVIEWER 2

(2) The paper presents a literature review of laparoscopy used in the management of Ventriculoperitoneal shunting. It provides a comprehensive review of the possibilities and hazards of the technique. The number of publications, however, seem to be very limited. When searching Pubmed for ``laparoscopy`` AND ``ventriculoperitoneal shunt`` I find 129 articles, most of which give relevant information on the topic. I would suggest a more thorough description of how articles not considered related to laparoscopy were excluded.

The keywords employed were ``laparoscopy`` OR ``laparoscopic surgery`` AND ``ventriculoperitoneal shunt`` OR ``shunt`` AND ``surgery`` OR ``implantation`` OR ``revision`` OR ``complication``. We selected all papers in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The search above returned 240 manuscripts. From 240 manuscripts, 110 discussed other uses of laparoscopy, not related to ventriculoperitoneal shunt, like laparoscopy for abdominal and urological surgery. One hundred and thirty papers addressed the theme. Once some of the papers presented with outdated or very similar discussions, we have chosen 30 up to date manuscripts discussing different points of view. Thus, we summed up pertinent informations about laparoscopic surgery application in ventriculoperitoneal shunt.

REVIEWER 3

(3) This article is worth to publish.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

Sincerely yours,



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