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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3_Manu_soloR_RR_v0.3 (DECODE)_real final.docx).

Title: Technical and instrumental prerequisites for Single-Port laparoscopic Solo Surgery: state of art

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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

Manuscript ID ESPS-15861 for your Journals entitled "Technical and instrumental prerequisites for Single-Port laparoscopic Solo Surgery: state of art." for this journal has been reviewed. Reviewer Comments to Author: This manuscript is a review of the single-port laparoscopic surgery. The manuscript is well written overall. However, there are some questionable issues that should be reviewed/discussed in the manuscript. TITLE: The title of manuscript is accurately reflected the major topic and contents of the study. ABSTRACT: This section is sufficient for give objectives of the study. INTRODUCTION: 1. The section of introduction should be shortened (especially paragraph #2). OTHER SECTIONS: 1. These sections are written satisfactorily. The authors should removed the sentence written as "which conventional laparoscopic surgery does not have." from abstract and other sections. Because SPSS is nearly same to SPLS without camera assistant as authors mentioned. Already the authors have mentioned that SPSS have some difficulties such as static operative image and repositioning. Therefore, SPSS may benefit to reduce surgical assistant. The surgeon who works as single without assistant may use these technical instruments. This topic may emphasize especially.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your insightful and relevant comments. The text of the manuscript text has been changed as suggested. Specifically, the section of introduction has been shortened (especially paragraph #2). We removed the sentence written as “which conventional laparoscopic surgery does not have.” from abstract and other sections, because we totally agree with the reviewer’s opinion. In the manuscript, the revised portion were marked in red. We think, after revision, the manuscript has been improved to clarify the difference between SPLS and SPSS, and the benefits of SPSS. We really appreciate your kind remark.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim SJ' with a small circle above the 'i'.

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