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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16942-review.doc).

Title: Laparoscopic management of intra-abdominal infections. Systematic review of the literature.

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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:

The methodological approach of our research was completely checked by the biostatistic dept. staff of our hospital according to the Cochrane standards. The methods section was improved and modified as suggested. Please see the change in the manuscript.

Literature was evaluated using the CEBM Oxford level of evidence 2, providing the strength of the evidence for each result shown.

A PRISMA flow diagram was also provided showing the number of included studies and the number of excluded studies with the reason for exclusion.

The aim of our work was to make a systematic review of the literature and to provide evidences on the role of laparoscopy in management of intra abdominal infections discussed singularly based on the etiology. Of course an interesting suggestion would be to perform a meta-analysis about each single topic, to perform meta-analysis about each single issue however would request to divide the paper into many different papers to be published separately. Unfortunately this doesn't represents the aim of the present paper which aims to give indications about the value of the laparoscopy in the treatment of the different diseases.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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