

August 24, 2015

Dear Editor,

**Biostatistics statement**

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 20941

**Title:** Feasibility of single-incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy for acute cholecystitis

**Authors:** Taro Ikumoto, Hidetsugu Yamagishi, Mineo Iwatate, Yasushi Sano, Masahito Kotaka and Yasuo Imai

I approve that the statistical methods in the manuscript entitled *Feasibility of single-incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy for acute cholecystitis* are appropriate and correct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sachiyo Komai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sachiyo Komai

Critical Research Management Center

Sano Hospital

2-5-1 Shimizugaoka, Tarumi-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, 655-0031, Japan

tel: +81-78-785-1000