

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



August 13, 2013

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revision of our manuscript in Word format (file name: 4132-revision.doc).

Title: The remains of the day: biliary complications related to single-port laparoscopic cholecystectomy.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated and new sections have been completed according to your advices.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Details were added concerning the kind of Bile Duct Injuries and their distribution in the result section and discussion was also completed.
- (2) Precisions were made concerning the type and repartition of the other surgical complications. Comments were also added in the discussion.
- (3) Language was revised by a native English speaker. This colleague, coming from London, UK, is cited in the acknowledgment section.
- (4) Precisions about the small sample size of the RCT were already present in the discussion. We totally agree with the fact that this limits the power of the initial conclusion. This was already explained in the initial version of our manuscript, but we made it appear more clearly in the revision-version. Moreover, this aspect was limited by the addition of a second analysis, including retrospective studies, in order to increase the sampled population.
- (5) Odds ratio could be calculated even if no events were observed in one group, due to corrective factors in the algorithm of the meta-analysis. This was done using Review Manager 5.2 software.

3 References were corrected. Four references have no DOI number, but are indexed in Pubmed.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Demartines'.

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