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Dear Editor,

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Title: **Single port surgery in gastroenterology and hepatology - a fine step forward**

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The manuscript has been improved according to all the available suggestions of reviewers as given on the ESPS point to point:

1. Title page

The author contributions are given in detail.

Author contributions: Christof Mittermair, Jan Schirnhofner, Eberhard Brunner, Katharina Pimpl, Christian Obrist designed research; Christof Mittermair, Jan Schirnhofner, Eberhard Brunner, Katharina Pimpl, Christian Obrist, Helmut G Weiss

performed research; Michael Weiss, Helmut G Weiss analyzed data; Christof Mittermair, Michael Weiss, Helmut G Weiss wrote the paper.

2. Abstract

Please write the abstract about 150 words. Thank you! Abstracts for review articles should be unstructured. The abstract must be informative rather than indicative.

Emphasize the new and important aspects of the study.

The new unstructured abstract is composed being more informative than indicative (160 words).

3. Key words

5-10 key words:

minimal invasive surgery; single port surgery; single incision laparoscopy; gastroenterology; hepatology

4. Core tip

Please write a summary of less than 100 words to outline the most innovative and important arguments and core contents in your paper to attract readers.

This paper demonstrates the current state of single port laparoscopic surgery in gastroenterology and hepatology. The defined indications, standardized and novel technical specifics as well as the surgical strategy of particular procedures that are successfully performed are described herein according to the review of the international literature and the surgical standards developed at our Department which is regarded one of the high-volume centers for single port surgery in the world (more than 2200 procedures). (74 words)

5. Reference numbers

Reformat all the reference numbers (superscript with square brackets).

All reference numbers are formatted according to the style of the Journal.

6. Literature

Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout.

The reference list has been edited throughout as recommended. References and typesetting were corrected. (PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation are given whenever available.)

The entire manuscript was edited by a professional native-English expert.

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