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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Laparoscopic surgery in the management of Crohn's Disease

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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

Reviewer 39470: Authors underlines that minimally invasive surgical approaches for Crohn's disease patients are both feasible and safe without any difference in recurrence rates. That review has current data on the topic and is well-structured.

Response: Thank you for your comments

Reviewer 505481: This is a sort of systematic review of the literature about the topic of Chron disease and laparoscopic therapy. A well done one

Response: Thank you for your comments

Reviewer 00183238: This is a random literature review on the title without any documented objectives, inclusion and exclusion criteria and baseless conclusion. I would reject this article

Response: Thank you for your comments. A section was added to the introduction to identify the inclusion criteria for the references used.

Reviewer 00183658: The article from USA is aim to review and evaluate the different interventions commonly seen with Crohn's disease and compare the laparoscopic surgery and open surgery in the management of this disease. The title is "Laparoscopic surgery in the management of Crohn's disease". I have some questions and unclear issues. The authors should to be clarified and be added the following issues in the text. 1. Please add the cost-effectiveness of the laparoscopic surgery and open surgery in the management of Crohn's disease. 2. Because of several different interventions commonly seen with Crohn's disease, these operative approaches depend on the experience and skill of surgeon and the patients' characteristics including age and ASA physical status. 3. The clinical application of the study is very important. The authors should to be recommended the readers to apply this knowledge into routine clinical practice. 4. Please edit the references into the journal style. Thank you so much

Response: Thank you for your comments. A section was added comparing the costs between laparoscopic surgery and open surgery. We agree that the ideal operative approach for a patient is dependent on the various patient factors as well as surgeon factors and this has been emphasized in

the text. The references were edited into the described journal style.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

We thank you for the reviews and hope you can consider this revised version in your journal, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Physiology*.

Sincerely yours,

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