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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1354-review.doc).

Title: Emergency Laparotomy in Octogenarians: A 5-year study of morbidity and mortality

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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

- (1) Secondary peritonitis clearly defined
- (2) Sepsis group separated in results section and elaborated upon in more detail
- (3) Galaxy Theatre System referenced
- (4) Previous literature concerning outcomes of trauma in patients with key comorbidities reviewed and compared with current cohort
- (5) Cost analysis included

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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