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Title: Single-Incision Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery for Cancer: State of Art

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It has been amended according to the reviewers' suggestions. Please also find our point by point reply to the criticisms raised by the reviewers.

My co-authors and I are very grateful for the constructive criticism that was offered regarding our work. We feel that it has assisted us in significantly improving the quality of our paper.

We hope that the present manuscript will be acceptable for publication in the **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

Sincerely yours,

Fabio Cianchi, M.D.

Reviewer 1

1. The authors referred to their experience by citing their manuscript (reference n. 41) entitled, "Single-incision laparoscopic colectomy: technical aspects and short-term results".
2. The abstract has been reduced in length.
3. We tested all the commercially available devices developed for single access surgery. The majority of these have an external rigid plate or ring through which surgical instruments can be introduced into the abdomen. The surgeon often forces on this rigid component thus determining the dislocation of the device and the loss of the pneumoperitoneum.
4. The term single incision laparoscopic surgery, SILS, has been substituted with single incision laparoscopy, SIL.