

Dear Editor

We have substantially revised our manuscript after reading the comments provided by the reviewer. The changes are as follows: (1) We have added to the limitations of the study, that the number of patients in the group with postoperative sepsis was very different from that of non-postoperative sepsis.; (2) we have added a bibliographic reference for 2019.

Responses to the reviewers' comments.

Reviewer 1#

Recommendation: 1. It would be pertinent for the authors to add to the limitations of the study, that the number of patients in the group with postoperative sepsis was very different from that of non-postoperative sepsis.

Answer: 1. Thanks for your recommendation, we have added the limitation above to the section of “limitations of the study”

Recommendation: 2. If possible, add a bibliographic reference for 2019.

Answer: 2.Thanks for your recommendation, we have added a bibliographic reference for 2019