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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15547-Review2).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 RS and LS in the tables have been substituted with RG and LG (see attached tables) as their meaning was already given in the text (robotic group and laparoscopic group- Results section, third line)

2 NA: Not Available NS: Non Significant, have been added on the four tables (see attached)

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Surgical Procedures.

Sincerely yours,

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