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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6418-review.doc).

Title: Elective operation after acute complicated diverticulitis is it still mandatory?

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

1 Format has been updated and the article has been corrected by a native English

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1°

During the study interval, 335 patients were admitted with acute diverticulitis. This typing error has been corrected.

These 335 patients were admitted to our department, it was population based. It was specified in the text.

We added table to clarify the results. CRP rates were added to these tables.

The indications for acute and elective surgery have been specified and the univariate analysis was amended in the text.

As recommended, we began by presenting the audit data in discussion.

It is written in the text "Few previous studies have examined...", and not "Five previous studies have examined...".

The term "inaugural" means that this episode revealing diverticular disease

2°

We added table to clarify the results and typing errors have been corrected. Statistical data have been expressed as mean \pm SD or median (range, min-max).

The median interval until elective sigmoid resection was 5 months (2-9) and none patient underwent emergency surgery. It was specified in the text.

Cause of death of the 86 year old following Hartmann was hemorrhagic shock. This information was specified in the text.

All patients underwent a colonoscopy. This information was specified in the text

3°

Vital signs assessed were : blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and fever. This data has been specified in the text.

Details of antibiotics and SIRS criteria were added. No long-lasting maintaining treatment was prescribed in our patients.

We added table to clarify the results.

4°

Abstract:

The typing error have been corrected and a core tip was added. The term "society" has been replaced by "health care system".

Methods

The family physician was requested only if patients were not available.

Results:

The numbers are correct. It is possible that the rate of complicated diverticulitis is more important in our series than in the literature because many uncomplicated diverticulitis are treated as outpatients.

Cause of death of the 86 year old following Hartmann was hemorrhagic shock. This information was specified in the text.

Discussion:

A short sentence has been added in Chapter results to explain the 71%.

The reference proposed by the reviewer have been added to the discussion

5°

We added table to clarify the results

6°

The discrepancies between the results paragraph and the synoptic table have been corrected.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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