Patients with clinical and US evidence of acute cholecystitis and onset <72 hours

**Randomization**

46 patients

- 21 pts
- Early laparoscopic cholecystectomy with harmonic scalpel (H - study group)
- 21 pts
- Early laparoscopic cholecystectomy with monopolar diathermy (MD - control group)

**Excluded (n=19):**
- Patients with diffuse peritonitis (n=2),
- previous multiple abdominal surgery (n=4),
- CBD stones (n=3),
- Apache II score >10 (n=3),
- refused to participate (n=3),
- intra-operative findings of different disease (n=4),

**Enrollment**

Assessed for eligibility (n=61)

**Assignment**

- Received assigned treatment, H (n=21)
- Received assigned treatment, MD (n=21)

**Follow-Up**

- Follow-up (n=21)

**Analysis**

- Analyzed (n=21)
- Analyzed (n=21)

4 patients randomized and excluded for IO findings of different disease