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Dear Editor in Chief  
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Please find enclosed the revised copy of the manuscript:

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1- According to the reviewer’s suggestion the title has been changed. For what concern the suggestion about the double-blindness of the study we changed the title but for what concern the definition of multi centre we made a great mistake in the manuscript draft, we corrected it.  

2- For what concern the definition of failure and late failure in the text is already present a definition of these two conditions. In the paragraph “intervention” are defined the parameters to evaluate the improvement of patient’s conditions and in the paragraph “data collection” are defined the three possible outcomes (cure, failure, late failure).

3- We obtained this data from a review of unpublished data from a retrospective analysis of 300 cases of our Dept. (S.M.U.H . Dept. of General, Emergency and Transplant Surgery Official Audit on IAI).

4- For what concern the minor revisions, the indicted parts of the text have been rewritten or corrected and the manuscript have been completely revised.

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