Author’s response to reviews

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Dear editor,

Minor typographic errors were corrected as stated below.

- Two email addresses were adapted (O. van Ruler and B. Lamme) to how they are registered in the online submission system (page 1).
- ‘RELAP-trial’ was corrected to ‘RELAP trial’ where necessary, throughout the manuscript.
- ‘Re-intervention’ was changed to ‘reintervention’ where necessary, throughout the manuscript.
- ‘Re-operation’ was converted into ‘reoperation’ where necessary, throughout the manuscript.
- On page 4, Outcomes section, *Ongoing infection needing relaparotomy*:
  
  ‘In the planned strategy group ‘ongoing infection needing a relaparotomy’ defined positive’ was converted to In the planned strategy group ‘ongoing infection needing a relaparotomy’ was defined as positive macroscopic findings at relaparotomy

- On page 6, Statistical analysis section, Predicting ‘ongoing infection needing relaparotomy’:
  
  In the sentence ‘A significant P-value ... between surgical strategy, ... the outcome’ the word ‘strategy’ was changed to ‘strategies’.

- On page 12, Discussion section, final paragraph ‘CT-scanning’ was changed to ‘CT scanning’.

Kind regards, on behalf of all authors,

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