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Dear sir,

Today, I was able to resubmit the revised form of the article. And, I am writing to apologize for the delay and to acknowledge our gratitude to the two respectful reviewers, Dr. Christopher Hollen beak and Dr. Susan van den Hof. The 24 comments of the former were all followed except one: number 5 which recommended a multivariate analysis using logistic regression. This matched point 8 among the 19 recommendations of Dr. Susan van den Hof which read as follows: "Important risk factors should be considered simultaneously in a multiple analysis. If this is not possible, the risk of confounding should be moved there and only be referred to in the discussion section." This second part of the comment was preferred and followed. For Dr. Hof's recommendations, I should repeat the same thing, almost all were observed. In one case, comment No. 4, I should explain that among operations reported we had such cases as splenectomy, laparotomy, etc., where we didn't get into the intestine and these were considered as clean.

Best regards
Ahmad Sabouri Kashani

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