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Dear Madam,

We are very grateful to submit the final revision of our manuscript entitled "Impact of treatment policies on patient outcomes and resource utilization in acute cholecystitis in Japanese hospitals" (MS-ID: 112446370860534). We have revised the manuscript according to the reviewers' comments, and also changed the formatting as requested, which you can see below. This research was conducted with the cooperation of the QIP Cholecystectomy Expert Group which consists of 17 physicians of the participant hospitals. Would you please allow us to include the name of the group at the end of the authors' list in the manuscript? And if possible, would you please list the name of these names in the first page of the article? We included the names and the affiliations of the each member in Acknowledgement.

We hope all these changes would satisfy your concerns. If you have any questions about our manuscript, please contact Dr. Miho Sekimoto at the address shown in the letter head. Thank you again for your acceptance of our article in your journal.

Sincerely yours,

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