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Dear Editor:

We would like to thank you and the reviewers of the BMC Surgery for taking the time to review our article. We have responded to each of the Reviewers’ comments and have incorporated all the modifications suggested into the revised manuscript. Our responses to the comments are as follows:

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Response: We have done.

We hope the revised manuscript will better meet the requirements of your journal for publication. We thank the editors and reviewers of the BMC Surgery once again for the constructive review of our paper.
Sincerely Yours,

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