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Biostatistics statement: This prospective provide observational data and no statistical analysis was done. Only homogeneous data were averaged. Data are expressed in frequency count, mean and standard deviation. The number of observations and subjects (n) is given. Losses in observations and drop-outs from the study, are reported. All these methods were reviewed by Carlos Hoyuela, Associate Professor of Surgery, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

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