

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Reviewer's code: 02411089

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Well done, this is a high quality paper. Accept

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors provide a meta-analysis on the interesting issue whether laparoscopic might be beneficial when compared with open simultaneous resection of primary colorectal cancer and synchronous liver metastases. The study is clearly designed and the

manuscript is very well written. Some, mainly minor, comments are to be made. Might it be possible to analyze for DFS, systemic/hepatic recurrence, peritoneal and locoregional recurrence separately? Line 92. 'The morbidity and mortality of CRC ranks third (10.2%) and second (9.2%) respectively among all the cancers in the world.' Do the authors mean 'incidence' instead of 'morbidity'? Line 138. Please add a reference for the AMSTAR guidelines. Lines 171-172. 'The anastomotic leakage was regarded as abnormal passage on the site of anastomotic stoma.' 'Anastomic stoma' does not make sense. Please remove the sentence (I guess the meaning of anastomic leakage is clear to all readers) or otherwise rephrase. Line 173. Please add a reference for the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale. Line 208-209. 'm eeting' should be 'meeting'. Lines 333 and 352. 'maight' should be 'might'.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present an interesting meta-analysis on the outcomes after open and minimally invasive surgery for simultaneous resection of colorectal primary and liver metastases. The main results are as expected but nonetheless interesting. However, I



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have some comments. First, in the introduction it is mentioned that almost 50% of CRC patients develop liver metastases and 25% have liver mets at diagnosis. These are historical figures. Please use modern data. In the results section, almost all data can be found in the tables. Please remove redundant information. Why are results presented with two sets of p-values? 'Postoperative complications' is a wide concept. The term must be explained in detail. Is it Clavien-Dindo ≥ 3 ? I believe that the number of events in most of the specific complications is too low to be included in a meta-analysis. I would recommend to use only a better defined 'postoperative complication' term and omit all others. The manuscript needs language editing.

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