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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the keywords the authors only use two MESH: Colorectal Surgery and Consensus. They should add MESH as: Anastomotic Leak; Morbidity; ... The authors do a laborious job of preparing interviews and results. However, the interview with a group of experts is finally not enough to establish a new practical definition of CAL and therefore does not contribute to improving the absence of a single accepted definition. From that moment on, I don't understand the importance of the rest of the parameters used: Clinical parameters, Laboratory tests, Radiological findings, Findings during reoperation. Perhaps they bring more complexity to what already exists. I understand that the questionnaires made should have been published.

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Well designed and well written manuscript about anastomotic leak definition. Thanks for your valuable efforts.