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Clinical Trials Study

Laparoscopic complete mesocolic excisions (CME) for colonic cancer in the last decade; five-year survival in a single centre

Answering reviewers

1. Reviewer's code: 03563654

1. How many of the patients were robotic operated? Answer: None. That is mentioned in the Method section (Patient eligibility).

2. The reviewer suggest adding two references to the article. I cannot find the first reference. The reviewer do not demand adding this. The second reference is about lymph node ratio (LNR) and I think this is not quite relevant in this article about laparoscopic CME. I suggest that the references stay unchanged.

2. Reviewer's code: 01588974

The reviewer ask about the indication for CME with CVL in the patients with TNM stage 0 and 1. We have not since the start in 2007 used preoperative CT scan as a staging procedyre preoperatively. We cannot beforehand know about the T- stage then. This is why we have applied CME in all the patients. The TNM stage 0 patients were operated more with a laparoscopic CME with a D2 resection.

3. Reviewer's code: 03475779

This reviewer had no questions.

4. Response to the Editor's suggestions:

All the suggestions from the Editor are accepted. The references are in the text are changed into Superscript. The Comments are included. All the changes can be found in the "Trackes version". The clean version are also included.