

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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surgery for colorectal cancer: A propensity score-matched analysis

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Scientific quality	[] Grade A: Excellent [Y] Grade B: Very good [] Grade C: Good [] Grade D: Fair [] Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	[Y] Grade A: Priority publishing [] Grade B: Minor language polishing [] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [] Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	 [] Accept (High priority) [Y] Accept (General priority) [] Minor revision [] Major revision [] Rejection
Re-review	[]Yes [Y]No



Peer-reviewer	Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous [] Onymous
statements	Conflicts-of-Interest: [] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

 Well written, the study seems reasonable statistically, but the number of patient enrolled seem a bit small.
 Are there any methods that you used to evaluate the success rate of NOSE before surgery?



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Thank you to have submitted your manuscript. Below the report. The title reflect the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript and the key words reflects the focus of the manuscript. The manuscript describes the methods in adequate details. The contributions of the study tends to demonstrate the benefit of reduced port laparoscopic colorectal surgery with natural orifice specimen extraction compared to conventional laparoscopic colorectal surgerythat could represent a natural progression towards scarless surgery. The tables are sufficient, of good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents. About the discussion: the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically. The findings and their applicability and relevance to the literature are stated in a clear and definite manner. Observations/Remarks The sample is small: are the Authors sure that it is sufficient to achieve your conclusions? The absence of the figures make difficult to be sure about the clearly description of the surgical technique. About method surgical techinique it is mandatory to specify how many patients required an ileostomy: this is crucial about the holy grail of no scar surgery; probably it is better to pull out this patientif that is the only one. About follow up it is not correct to report information about recurrence because the shortness of observation. About this parameter we need longer follow up.



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The article is well structured, according to the guideline provided by the journal. I have a few questions to the authers, on which they can elaborate a little bit in the text: How was the transanal pulltrough for sigmoid cancer performed when you have the full length of the rectum preserved? Patients 3,4,7 and 8 all had sigmoid cancer but transvaginal NOSE was performed only in patient 3. What was the selection critiria for transvaginal NOSE?