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Male gender and increased body mass index independently predicts clinically relevant morbidity after spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy

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Institutional review board statement: This study was retrospective and no interference with patients' treatment was made. Thus, the approval by the Ethics Committee of the Fundeni Clinical Institute was waived.

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