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Overall the study is clear, well-written and easy to read. However, the authors may try to clarify what is new from this study and reference other similar studies involving the outcomes of laparoscopic colorectal surgery in colon cancer patients. Most of the discussion is based on laparoscopic surgery in general. Abstract section: LOS has not been previously abbreviated. Introduction: The last sentence: "The aim of this study was to determine whether obesity was an acceptable contraindication..." should be reworded. Acceptable risk/confer any differences in outcomes for example. Methods: When we read and the study population is described it mentions a standardised approach to both...the reader is left guessing what this means until the ERAS protocol is described a couple paragraphs below. The protocol/anesthetic regime/surgical technique section should be brought up or mention that the standardized approach will be described below. On page 6 analgesia is misspelled. Discussion second paragraph The sentence that mentions it has been well documented that one complications are significantly more common should be rearranged. On that same paragraph. A reference should be attached to the sentence that reads this included more



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postoperative complications, conversions to open procedures and an increased length of stay
Reference should also be attached to "and other symptoms in the discussion referring to improve
technology in the form of instruments and high-definition laparoscopes have been cited this factors"



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