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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

GENERAL This is a case-matched study that addresses the feasibility of laparoscopic colectomy in obese patients. The present study essentially followed the study of Delaney CP et al. in terms of design and obtained similar results. Although low in originality, the present study was somehow meaningful as it provided data supporting the results of the earlier study. However, the topics addressed were highly surgical issues and unfamiliar to the readers of World J Gastroenterology. It is for this reason that the present manuscript is unsuitable for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology. This reviewer recommends resubmission to a surgery-specific journal.

SPECIFIC Major

1. The authors should clearly describe how patients who needed colonic surgery were divided into laparoscopic and open groups during the study period.
2. The length of hospital stay is one of the important endpoints of this study. The results were shown after exclusion of conversion cases in Table 6 although the results of intent-to-treat (ITT) analysis were described only in the text. The results of ITT analysis should be shown in Table 6 as well.

Minor In order to facilitate readers' understanding, the reviewer recommends that the results be described separately by headings.



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The Authors analyze the feasibility of laparoscopic colectomy in obese patients. There are not randomized trials comparing the outcome of colectomy in obese and non obese patients. The results confirm previous studies on the efficacy and safety of laparoscopic left and right colectomy in obese. The literature on this topic is scarce, and, although another case-match study was published in 2005 in Disease of Colon Rectum, this is the only one that analyses long term results. Minor points: The percentages of infectious complications and mortality in LPS group, in Tab 4 are incorrect. The study analyzes a 10 years period, how were patients allocated to either laparoscopic or open surgery? Was it based on the surgeon's experience and therefore linked to a learning curve? This could be a bias that should be explicated



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The study is interesting though its design is not original. Patient selection indications for laparoscopic surgery remain unclear. Study material and data analysis are interesting and well-presented. The tables are informative. Unfortunately, the study is not prospective. I think the study is suitable for publication.