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## ESPS Peer-review Report

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for submitting your retrospective case series. It is a nicely written manuscript and I have no substantial criticism. I am interested to know a) How did you selected your patients b) The BMI of your patients c) How come you have a fairly high number of sigmoidectomy in colonic cancer surgery



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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting manuscript about comparative analysis of open vs. laparoscopic colectomy for malignancy in developing country. The introduction, methods, results and discussion is concise and well written and brings to the readers a true perspective for the management of colorectal cancer between developed and developing healthcare approaches/systems. Statistics is well presented. I have no substantial criticism and would like to see more papers of this nature resurface. One important point which is missing and I recommend being included in the Materials and Methods section of the manuscript is the Institutional Ethical Review Board approval. Please add this sentence - This study was approved by the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) Institutional Ethical Review Board Committee (File number.....) and conducted in accordance with the Second International Helsinki Declaration (reference: Puri KS, Suresh KR, Gogtay NJ, Thatte UM (2009). Declaration of Helsinki, 2008: implications for stakeholders in research. J Postgrad Med 55:131-4.



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

“Comparative Analysis of Open and Laparoscopic Colectomy for Malignancy in a Developing Country” (ESPS Manuscript NO: 4728) 1. General comments: The authors present a comparative study between open and laparoscopic approaches for colectomies in a developing country. They should be congratulated for addressing this relevant topic. However, some modifications (reformulations / explanations) are still required before the manuscript is highly acceptable for publication. 2. Specific comments Abstract: Please, include a purpose. Please include the values indicate significant predominance. There were differences in the analysis of the number of deaths? Manuscript: As the blood loss was assessed? Combined procedure may interfere with these data? There is a big difference to the combined surgeries. Please authors should address this aspect in more detail. Seventeen patients allows the conclusions included in the study? Limitations on the sample size. The surgeries were performed by a single author (e.g., senior author)? Previous experience of the surgeons who performed laparoscopic procedures? They are native surgeons from a developing country? The reference 9 is the only study in developing countries? A previous study in Jamaica can only support a study on developing country? Please authors should expand in great detail aspects related to developing countries, laparoscopic technology, etc ... Authors should include an objective at the end of the introduction. Demographic/clinic data may be more detailed. The colorectal cancer patients were obese? In addition to colorectal cancer, the patients had a disease history? Charlson comorbidity index score should be included in the methods. They had a previous abdominal surgery? Which criteria were used to indicate open or laparoscopic resection? I believe that the authors' database is extensive. The inclusion of more information would be extremely important. 30-day



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mortality? Cancer-related deaths were defined? Explanations for losses beyond the deaths could be included. Authors should please expand the information included in the methods section. Some aspects of the results should be better exploited in the methods. The results should only contain the new data. E.g., Charlson comorbidity index score should be included in the methods. The data found in this study can be extrapolated to other countries? "This study represents the first comparative analysis of this nature from a developing country in the English-speaking Caribbean." The discussion is mainly based on studies of the authors own. Please authors should make clear whether only studies of Jamaica and / or own authors exist in the context of laparoscopy in developing countries? More details about the limitations of the study should be included.