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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an well-written clinical report dealing with the long term outcome of LVHR vs. OVHR. However Recurrence rate is higher than reported in current literature (is there any reason?). Furthermore this is a comparative study on a relatively small study population, so further studies are needed to give definitive conclusion. this concern should be highlighted and discussed in the revised manuscript.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well presented observational study where the authors compare the laparoscopic with the open procedure in ventral hernia mesh repair and discuss long term outcome of these two methods with respect to recurrence, pain and satisfaction. In the method section the authors mention that "We enrolled 194 consecutive patients. 94 patients were treated with laparoscopic mesh repair and 89 patients with open mesh repair." The total of patients is 183. A few lines below they include 11 more patients in the open group conversions from laparoscopic surgery. This is not correct and is not in accordance with figure 1. Follow-up examination is not clearly defined, as the authors do not mention at what time after surgery the patients were examined. In the description of operative technique, in open repair the authors mention that often preperitoneal technique was used, they need to be more specific about what other technique was used and the number of patients. "Clinical recurrence and overall recurrence" must be defined. In the same section the authors mention Table 4, but this cannot be so as they cannot start counting with number 4. So this must be omitted or they must start counting from this table as table 1. Tables 5, 7 and 14 are not mentioned in the manuscript. Authors need to



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refer to tables in the manuscript in a proper order. Finally, the quality of the written English is lower than that expected for a scientific publication, so the manuscript requires a grammatical and linguistic revision.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an excellent clinical report dealing with the long term outcome of LVHR vs. OVHR. The work is extraordinarily impressive. Overall, the manuscript is thorough, straightforward, well-organized and almost contains all of the components the reader would expect. I would highly recommend the approval of its publication.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript reports about the difference between LVHR and OVHR. It is well written and contains many valuable informations; however they should clear the following questions. 1. The recurrence rate differs in the operation method for OVHR; such as Kugel patch method and mesh plug method. So they should show the recurrence rate for each methods. 2. The recurrence rate in both OVHR and LVHR seems to be high compared to previous studies. What was the reason.