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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a retrospective study whose scientific value is to expose their personal experience in the treatment of complicated diverticular disease as well as chronic and recurrent with laparoscopic approach. The study shows a wide and excellent experience over a period of 14 years, which confirms the importance and validity of the laparoscopic approach for the treatment of this pathology, with good results. In this sense they provide a valid series in the number of patients and using an appropriate way of treatment, so should be communicated. It is recommended that the authors conducted a more elaborate and updated discussion to include recent literature. The made in this work includes four articles of 2009 and one in 2011 as more recent studies

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a retrospective study on 260 patients operated for complicated or recurrent diverticular disease. They affirm that laparoscopy is safe and effective in this setting. I have some questions: 1-how many patients were operated on emergency setting? Do the authors notes any difference between patients who required emergency surgery for fecal peritonitis and patients operated for subacute disease (stenosis, chronic abscess)? 2- the authors should specify indications for emergency and elective surgery (age, number of episodes, presentation) in the methods section 3- the group of complicated patients include heterogeneous disease: stenosis and fecal peritonitis are really different in presentation and treatment. Could the authors better specify the type of surgery according to the type of complicated diverticulitis? 4- one patient died for sepsis, did he have anastomotic fistula? It is a rare event, maybe you could better explain this episode which is not in favour of laparoscopic approach. I think it is an interesting a well written paper, I just would like to have more information, it could be more interesting for the readers. I think it should deserve publication after minor revisions.

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This paper gives an accurate description about the role that the Laparoscopy may have in the treatment of complicated acute diverticulitis, which frequency is constantly increasing in our society. Even if the article focuses on the known advantages of laparoscopic sigmoidectomies, it shows some interesting data about the superiority of this technique in Hinchey's stage III-IV acute diverticulitis (that unfortunately continue to be frequently treated with a Hartmann's resection), compared to its use in patients with recurrent diverticulitis. This paper is well structured and presented, giving to the reader, the opportunity to easily understand it. Results are clearly reported, as well as data and descriptions in material and methods. Statistical methods are appropriate. Discussion is very concise and comprehensive: probably the conclusions should be expanded. I trust this paper can add important improvement to surgeons' practice and therapeutic choices in complicated acute diverticulitis.