

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

You have started a RCT but failed to give us details, other than a reference. Are you looking at laparoscopic cases or open or both? What is your assumption and power analysis? Why did you discuss CTC following hepatectomy for CRC liver mets? That seems off topic. You reference Wigger's work but do not describe findings other than to say it was underpowered and did not reach significance. Was there a trend? How will your study differ? What were the lessons learned?

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This is an interesting proposal. However, very indirect evidence to support the hypothesis is provided. A preliminary study on the presence of CTCs in portal vein blood, perioperatively, in patients with colorectal cancer was previously presented at the SSAT meeting in 2009 by another group (<http://meetings.ssat.com/abstracts/09ddw/P110.cgi>). It would be interesting if the authors could provide a more detailed description of the RCT they are conducting.