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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is review regarding CME in coloncancer surgery. Although comprehensive, I have different comments regarding the article. CME was not first introduced, but first published in 2008. In the surgical technique chapter for open surgery I miss what to do for tumors in the left part of the transverse colon. And in the chapter on laparoscopic surgery I miss all the transverse cancers. Should they be operated laparoscopic or not. I miss a discussion regarding if laparoscopic CME is as good as open. reference 15, 20 and 21 is essentially the same patients and should not be quoted as 3 different patient material. Reference 26 is only T1 and T2 and the authors should comment on if the survival difference is only a stage migration. In reference 21 there is a better disease free survival, but not a different overall survival, the authors should comment on that. And last; CME is two parts; complete mesocolic excision and central ligation. Is it possible that the first part is more important than the other (as possible shown by West), or are both parts equally important. The authors should comment on that.