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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The aim of the study is interesting. However, the statistical analysis is poor. In particular, no p value was reported either for OR and for heterogeneity tests. Moreover, the quality of the figures is very poor.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review paper demonstrated the results of meta-analysis regarding stump management during open appendectomy. The manuscript is well written and well organized overall.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments to the Author; 1) General comments In this manuscript, the authors describe a safer technique stump ligation compared to stump invagination. Stump invagination does not seem to prevent postoperative infective complications and is associated with an increased risk of ileus within the first 72 hours in open appendectomy for non-complicated appendicitis. I have several comments: Major 1. Study selection criteria were unclear. Many studies were searched in the MEDLINE. Please clarify. Minor 1. All figures were poor quality. The author would be required to upload clearer figures.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A well written paper with correct analysis. As you stated the revolution of laparoscopic surgery has changed many old concepts. The paper give a little but useful Message to clinical practice !