

First of all, thank you for the comments the dear reviewer gives. This study was a retrospective study comparing the short-term and long-term outcomes between the between laparoscopic and open surgery for rectal cancer. The answer for the NO.1 comment is that the portion of the rectosigmoid, upper rectum and lower rectum is almost even, and there was no difference among them. The answer for the NO.2 comment is that the occurrence rate of perioperative including intraoperative complications and post-operative complications has no difference ( $P=0.810$ ). and there was also no statistically difference in intraoperative complications( $p=0.180$ ). As for the higher occurrence of wound infection or acute cardiac failure in open group, there are belonging to the postoperative complications ( $P=0.028$ ). what's more, the laparoscopic surgery may produce less harm to the body which results in less wound infection or acute cardiac. the answer for the NO.3 comment is that I miss writing the analysis for long-term outcomes of patients and test to compare the survival distributions of the two group. Last but not the least, I really thank you from the bottom of my heart.