

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article is an interesting study and suitable for publication in this journal. Authors described utility of routine blood tests after LC. But, I have some recommendations. There are some typos here and there. I wonder why you used a drain in so many elective LC patients. I think biliary complication rate was also high. In the discussion section, you described "Length of surgery was associated with increased risk of complications on bivariate analysis but not on multivariate analysis correcting for BMI and drain placement." It is different from Table 4. Please clarify. In the discussion section, 2nd paragraph, page 7, some data should be corrected. References are a little bit outdated. It would be helpful if you conduct prospective study in the near future. Thank you.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to publish in your distinguish journal.

The paper was edited according to the requests of your journal.

Reviewer request changes are as follow.

CHANGES ACCORDING TO THE REVIEWER REQUEST

1. There are some typos here and there – Manuscript was professionally edited and scrutinized for typos and spelling mistakes
2. I wonder why you used a drain in so many elective LC patients – Drain placement is left for the discretion of the attending surgeon in charge of the case. Unfortunately there is no available protocol in our department or in the literature to determine where to put one or not. The number might be a little high but drains have no clinical significance in most cases and are taken out the day after surgery.
3. I think biliary complication rate was also high – Biliary complication rate was maybe a little bit high but within the range of internationally accepted parameters. I believe that

these high numbers are attributed to the heterogeneous group of surgeons included in the study, some with less experience than others.

4. Length of surgery was associated with increased risk of complications on bivariate analysis but not on multivariate analysis correcting for BMI and drain placement." It is different from Table 4. – The statement was corrected accordingly.