Reviewer's report

Title: Laparoscopic colonic resection for splenic flexure cancer: our experience.

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In 2013, this would be considered a fairly low priority publication given the wide acceptance of laparoscopic colon surgery. Despite the correct assertion that COST, COLOR, CLASICC and others excluded splenic flexure tumors, most surgeons have adopted segmental resection of all parts of the colon. This paper does add some evidence to support this, but probably isn’t that necessary at this time.

The other issue that weakens this paper is that there is no control group for comparison, even a non-randomized control. How do these patients do compared to open resection of splenic flexure tumors or resection of other parts of the colon? These types of comparisons, if framed properly, can add insight to this report.

Minor essential revisions:

There are a few language issues, such as Trendelemburg (Trendelenberg). Most are minor.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests