Author's response to reviews

Title: An initial experience of reduced port surgery using 2-surgeon technique for colorectal cancer

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Dear Editor:
The red parts are new parts which we have changed, in our article too.

Revised comments:

1. I strongly recommend you to make a step-by-step description of the technique with position of both surgeons, recommendation for using the ports, e.t.c. Please also make the photos better (the last one is of unacceptable quality). I would also suggest you to make schemes of the proposed procedure. It is also necessary to mention the differences in the operation, comparing to the standard laparoscopic.
   Ans; We remade schema and changed photo.

2. You have enough personal material to compare the technique to the standard laparoscopic. If you do that, you'll better clarify all advantages and disadvantages of the technique, and also the indications and contraindications for the proposed method.
   Ans; We compared between this technique and the conventional lap to evaluate this technique. The advantages and disadvantages of the technique were described in discussions, and also the indications and contraindications were described in methods. Unfortunately it is a retrospective study, which is excluding contraindication cases. please understand including the major bias.

3. Such analysis will make you to change your tab 1 and tab 2.
   Ans; changed the tab 1 and tab 2.
4. If you have possibilities to compare proposed operation with open surgery, it could make some benefit to your paper.

Ans; We selected comparison between conventional lap.

5. In the discussion you should make it clear, what are the main indications for your procedure (will be clear after making a comparative analysis). When talking about the decreasing of the number of surgeons, you should give the information about the benefits for the surgeons (intraoperative time at least).

Ans; RPS using the 2-surgeon technique was safely performed, and lead to shorter operative duration. The results improved the QOL of surgeon.

6. It is also necessary to give your recommendation for training surgeons for the proposed technique.

Ans; We described recommendation for training surgeons in discussions.

7. If you dont have a possibility to compare the results of your operation with SILS, you should clarify better the possible advantages of both procedures in discussion.

Ans; We selected comparison between conventional lap.

Sincerely,
Jo Tashiro