Reviewer's report

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

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This paper touches on the important observation - reducing ports and number of team participants for laparoscopic approach in the field of colorectal surgery. Overall this is a good paper.

But while the indications for the surgery was mostly invasive colorectal cancer, I didn't see any information regarding the multimodality treatment, especially for the low rectal carcinomas. If there is any correlation between the additional treatment and complications during procedures?

Another point - authors describes that In total, 750 patients with colorectal cancer underwent laparoscopic surgery between June 2012 and August 2014, and 105 (14%) patients underwent RPS using the 2-surgeon technique. This is a very good chance to compare prospectively group with new technique and conventional laparoscopy group, but in the paper we only see the observational study without any investigation of superiority of the one technique on another. I think this fact is lowing the science quality of the study.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests