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Title: Obesity and postoperative outcomes of the patients with laparoscopic adrenalectomy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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TO THE EDITOR
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To the Editor,
BMC Surgery

Dear Editor,
Thank you for the opportunity given to revise our manuscript entitled, "Obesity and postoperative outcomes of the patients with laparoscopic adrenalectomy: a systematic review and meta-analysis". We are writing to submit the revised version for consideration for publication in the BMC Surgery.
We have addressed all reviewer’s queries and have used the “track changes” option of MS Word to modify the paper so as to account for their comments and suggestions.
We hope that you will find this revised version suitable for publication.
Sincerely,

On behalf of all co-authors

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Reviewer #1
Reviewer’s comment 1
It is a well-written article on an important issue. The work shows that laparoscopic adrenalectomy is also safe in obese patients which is an important conclusion. It is also known that in this group of patients the use of laparoscopy allows faster recovery.
Authors’ Response 1
Thank you for your comment.

Reviewer #2
This is a well-written paper looking at if obesity affects outcomes of adrenalectomy. Overall, the paper focuses on intra-abdominal surgery rather than adrenalectomy in the Introduction and Discussion. The amount of text covering adrenalectomy is less than general abdominal surgery. Because of that, the objective and hypothesis is not clearly understood.
Reviewer’s comment 1
Although the paper overall is well written, it needs to be edited to focus on adrenal surgery, define what prompted this study and then discuss the findings in relevance to adrenal surgery. Currently, although the data is there, it does not seem to be focused.
Authors’ Response 1
Thank you for your comment. The introduction and discussion sections has been extensively modified to focused more on adrenalectomy (please see the 2nd and 3rd paragraph of the introduction section and also the discussion section).
Reviewer’s comment 2
My other comments include:
1. In Abstract, last sentence, "that any specific intervention is needed for patients with laparoscopic adrenalectomy" does not fit the overall flow of the abstract.
Authors’ Response 2
Thank you for your comment. This sentence has been deleted and replaced by another one (see the last sentence of the abstract section please).

Reviewer’s comment 3
2. How about if obesity prolongs the surgical procedure?
Authors’ Response 3
Thanks for your comment. A sentence summarizing data on operative time was added in the results section. Moreover, a table reporting the operative time in obese and non-obese participants in each study and the associated P-value was added in the supplementary file.

Reviewer’s comment 4
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
Overall it needs minor editing to focus more on adrenal surgery upfront. Then, it has a chance to be published.
Authors’ Response 4
Thank you for your suggestion. The manuscript has been modified to focused more on adrenal surgery (please see the introduction and discussion sections).