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Title: Robot-assisted laparoscopic antegrade versus open inguinal lymphadenectomy: A retrospective controlled study

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This manuscript lacks essential information for a popular scientific use.

There is no information about:

lymph node status after surgery (pN); the state of the pelvic lymph nodes; disease relapses in relation to the clinical and pathologic stage of disease; lymphatic complications in robotic and open series.

A better description of the recurrences and the type of these is necessary.

The different follow-up times between the open and robotic series make a comparison, even if historical, non-transparent.

Some passages are inconsistent with the available knowledge: it appears that the authors have performed pelvic lymphadenectomy in patients with at least two inguinal lymph nodes which were positive at frozen sections or in the patient with lymph node package: what about the clinical disease stage N3?

It is not clear how a low-fat diet should decrease lymphatic secretion from the lower limbs.

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