

ANSWERS TO REVIEWERS

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Title: Impact of age on feasibility and short-term outcomes of ERAS after laparoscopic colorectal resection

Reviewer's code: 02839900

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a interesting paper. This paper talk about ERAS elderly population. Our term do many work about ERAS. About elderly population, we should be cautious. The paper should discuss every aspect of ERAS.

ANSWER

Thank you for your accurate review of our paper. As assessed in the AIM section of the abstract and in the INTRODUCTION, the aim of our study was to assess safety and feasibility of enhanced recovery protocol in elderly population. On the basis of our prospectively collected database we tried to evaluate all the critical aspects of fast-track protocols in the elderly. Unfortunately no data on reasons for ERP items failure were recorded. This could have provided additional information on the reasons for missed fast-track goals thus allowing an accurate discussion on every aspect of ERAS. Every possible conclusion on critical aspects of ERP in the elderly drawn from these data would have not been sufficiently founded on recorded basis. We are now registering all the causes for ERAS protocol variations in order to be able in the future to highlight all the critical aspects of its application in the elderly as you suggested.

Reviewer's code: 03035949

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, It was a pleasure to review your interesting paper. Just 2 minor remarks: - I think your conclusion "Our study confirms that ERP can be safely and successfully applied

to elderly patients undergoing laparoscopic colorectal resection" should be tempered by adding "selected" patients since among elderly patients you showed a high rate of patients not meeting the inclusion criteria - check line 171 for a typo (males instead of females)

Sincerely

ANSWER

Thank you very much for your interest in our paper and for the kind suggestion. We do agree with your comment and tempered our conclusion statement to underline the importance of patients' willingness and capability to actively participate in ERP for good results. Typo in the DISCUSSION paragraph has been corrected.

Reviewer's code: 03002407

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Congratulate authors for their works They should better highlight those factors in the tables when $p < 0.05$ (i.e. statistically significant) for easier reading.

ANSWER

Thank you for your suggestion. As advised we have tried to highlight in the tables statistical significant comparisons in order to allow easier reading. English language polishing have been carried out as requested.