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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A very well drafted article



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John Burke et al (Manuscript Number: 53916) conduct one prospective single-port versus multi-port comparative cohort and case control study to evaluate the “effects of single port colectomy for severe colitis”. The authors’ results indicated that “single port colectomy is an economical and effective treatment for severe colitis”, and the duration and cost should not be barriers for single port colectomy implementation. This finding is interesting because a new pathway was revealed for severe colitis, is characterized by intestinal inflammation leading to damage to the intestinal mucosa. The results and conclusions of this study have important clinical significance, and worth promoting and further clinical validation in patients with severe colitis. The content of the article is corresponding well to the title. This work reported here is interesting. The quality of logic and presentation of the key idea, experiment design, data analysis and discussion are not bad. I recommend publishing this work. However, the following minor modifications need be done: 1) The full text needs to be simplified, refined, and meaningless sentences should be deleted. 2) On the section of Introduction, the authors should describe the information of question, objectives, approaches, research plan, and significance more clearly. 3) On the section of Data Collection and Analysis, it is better to use parametric methods, like the t-test, which will also produce the observed mean difference between the groups, with a 95% confidence interval (CI). This is useful and important information: it shows the size and direction of the observed effect, with the precision of the estimated difference; such information is crucial to determine whether the results are clinically relevant. 4) On the section of Results, please delete the redundancy sentences when the tables or figures have clearly showed the same information, and the value of the statistical analysis should be written in the corresponding tables (such as, $p=?$ and $t=?$ and so on) for multiple or pair-wise comparisons test. 5) On the section of Discussion, the main findings, limitations, and



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authors' insights should be present more clearly and shortly. 6) The Table, Figure, Reference, and special symbols must fit the journal's requirements or format.



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I would like to congratulate the Authors on this interesting article and their enormous experience in this field. The manuscript is easy to read and of particular interest for minimally invasive colorectal surgeons. Some Points came up: Morbidity and Mortality sections: 1. Who are your colorectal surgeons (the authors?) 2. Did R.C. perform only single port cases? 3. Did you not use bowel preparation in all patients or only in some? How many received preparation? 4. What is the trocar site in MP surgery? 5. How often did you extract the specimen at what site? 6. What is your criteria for single port or Multi port surgery? Availability of the single port surgeon? you should state this somewhere in the text