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The authors retrospectively compared the short- and long-term outcomes between laparoscopic and open ICR for the treatment of ileocolic CD, found that the laparoscopic procedure had better short-term outcomes and comparable long-term outcomes compared to open group. While there are several points need to be clarified. 1. The inclusion and exclusion criteria were not clearly stated in the manuscript. 2. For the patients included in this study who underwent surgical treatment of ileocolic CD, what is the indication for the selection of laparoscopic or open ICR? The selecting bias may exist that patients with mild CD were likely to undergo the laparoscopic surgery, which could exert a tremendous influence on the short-term outcomes, especially the factors found statistically different in this study. The less penetrating behavior in laparoscopic ICR mentioned in the study might prove this hypothesis, which should be defined and illustrated in the manuscript. 3. Please define the PSM criteria in the Methods section. 4. The perioperative Crohn's Disease Activity Index for the patients enrolled in the study was recommended to be compared between these two groups if possible.