

Factors Associated with Poor Lymph Node Dissection for Colon Neoplasms

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Dear Editor.

I read with interest the study entitled "Factors Associated with Poor Lymph Node Dissection of Colon Neoplasms" by Bostanci et al. In this study, the authors aimed to determine the factors affecting inadequate lymph node dissection.

It is known that the number of lymph nodes removed in colon cancers is affected by the surgeon and the pathologist, as well as other factors such as obesity, age, emergency surgery and right colon tumors.2 It would be useful to specify whether a single surgeon or multiple surgeons performed the surgeries in this study. In addition, it is known that laparoscopic lymph node dissection is a safe and applicable method in stage 2 and 3 colon cancers, and the oncological results are similar to open surgery.3 I believe that in this period when laparoscopic colon surgery has become widespread, it will be beneficial to inform the reader about whether colon surgery was performed openly or laparoscopically in this study.

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