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[E2-1] Outcomes of NOSES vs TLRH for Right-Sided Colon Cancer: A Propensity Score-Matched Study

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Background: Small-incision assisted laparoscopic right hemicolectomy with intracorperal anastomosis, commonly referred to as totally laparoscopic right hemicolectomy (TLRH), represents an advanved minimally invasive technique for the treatment of right-sided colon cancer. Recently, natural orifice specimen extraction surgery (NOSES), using trasvaginal or transrectal routes, has emerged as an advanvcement that potentially minimizes abdominal wall trauma. This study compares the perioperative and long-term outcomes of NOSES and TLRH.

Methouds: A retrospective cohort of 349 patients with stage I-III right sided colon cancer who underwent curative laparoscopic resection from January 2018 to January 2023 was analyzed. Using propensity score matching(1:1), 115 NOSES cases were matched with 115 TLRH cases based on age, BMI, tumor size, neoadjuvant therapy, and T stage. Outcomes included perioperative recovery, fatigue, complications, pelvic floor function, and oncologic results. Results: Post-matching, baseline characteristics were balanced. Operative time and blood loss were comparable. NOSES patients reported significantly less pain from postoperative days 1-3(p<0.001), reduced analgesic use(p<0.001) and lower fatigue levels(p<0.001). Learning curves for transvaginal and transrectal NOSES stabilized after 57 and 41 cases, respectively. Incision-related complications were more frequent in TLRH(p<0.005). Functional outcomes were comparable, and no differences were observed in disease-free or overall survival. Conclusions: NOSES is a safe, effective option for selected patients with right-sided colon cancer. It provides better postoperative pain control, reduced fatigue and fewer incision-relateed complications with promising oncological outcomes.