

Erratum



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“Laparoscopic surgery in the elderly patient: experience of a single laparoscopic unit”
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In the abstract of the article, under the subheading “Methods,” the first sentence should read:

Two hundred and thirty-two patients (134 females and 98 males) older than 70 years who underwent various elective and emergency laparoscopic procedures between 1992 and 1997 were assessed prospectively.

The fourth sentence in the fourth paragraph under the heading “Discussion” should read:

In a nonrandomized prospective study from Brisbane [40], elderly patients aged 80 years or older who underwent laparoscopic colorectal surgery were found to have significantly decreased incidence of complications and early discharge to rehabilitation compared to the open colorectal surgery group.

Reference 35 should be either of the following:

Iroatulam AJN, Chen HH, Potenti FM, Parameswaran S, Wexner SD (1999) Laparoscopic colectomy yields similar morbidity and disability regardless of patient age. *Int J Colorectal Dis* 14: 155–157

Stewart BT, Stitz RW, Lumley JW (1999) Laparoscopically assisted colorectal surgery in the elderly. *Br J Surg* 86: 938–941