When to use a prophylactic mesh after stoma closure: author's reply

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To the Editors,

We would like to thank Dr. Ajay Kumar Pal for their comments regarding our study “When to use a prophylactic mesh after stoma closure: a case–control study” [1, 2]. In patients who presented parastomal hernia before going to stoma closure, the type of parastomal hernia they presented was not classified, their presence was only evaluated by physical examination or follow-up images. However, we consider that on future occasions, it is important piece of information, because it depends on the type of hernia, according to the classification of the European Hernia Society of parastomal hernias (recommended classification), and it could or could not be a risk factor for incisional hernia after stoma closure [3].

On the other hand, parastomal hernia was not given any particular treatment, although there is no evidence of the benefit of watchful waiting versus surgery for patients with a non-incarcerated parastomal hernia, patients with scheduled temporary stoma closure is a relative contraindication for elective surgery because the abdominal wall defect will be closed during stoma closure procedure and could also complicate stoma closure [4, 5].

Declarations

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