

## SINGLE-INCISION LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY

I read with interest the article, "Early experience in single-site laparoscopic cholecystectomy",<sup>(1)</sup> in which the authors described their initial experience with this procedure. Firstly, I must congratulate the authors for the excellent results. It is a well-written article with elaborate and in-depth analysis and presentation. However, I would like to humbly raise a few pressing issues.

A brief description of the demographic profile of these patients would have been highly appreciated. How many of them presented with a history of acute cholecystitis, cholangitis, previous upper abdominal surgery or jaundice? Some other studies on the abovementioned surgical methodology have excluded such patients.<sup>(2)</sup> A clinical picture of the postoperative scar would have helped to sustain the reader's interest. Also, details regarding the postoperative parameters for the assessment of any surgical procedure, such as analgesic requirement, duration of hospital stay, incidence of wound infection and hernia formation, are also missing. Most of the previously published studies on the same subject have provided these postoperative details.<sup>(2,3)</sup>

Nevertheless, we appreciate the authors' endeavour to share their experience of this interesting subject with the readers of this esteemed journal.

Yours sincerely,

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**Editor's note:** The authors, Chang et al, have declined to respond to the above letter.