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Propensity Score–Matched Analysis Comparing Minimally Invasive Ivor Lewis Versus Minimally Invasive McKeown Esophagectomy

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Introduction: Totally minimally invasive esophagectomy (TMIE) is increasingly used in treatment of patients with esophageal carcinoma. However, it is currently unknown if McKeown TMIE or Ivor Lewis TMIE should be used in patients in whom both procedures are oncologically feasible. This study was performed in 4 high-volume Dutch esophageal cancer centers between November 2009 and April 2017. Prospectively collected data on consecutive patients with esophageal cancer localized to the esophagus or gastroesophageal junction undergoing McKeown or Ivor Lewis TMIE were included. Patients were propensity score matched on body mass index, sex, American Society of Anesthesiologists performance, Charlson Comorbidity Index, tumor type, tumor location, neoadjuvant treatment, and the hospital of surgery. The primary parameter was anastomotic leakage requiring reintervention. Secondary outcome parameters were operation characteristics, postoperative complications, reinterventions, reoperations, length of stay, and mortality.

Keywords: cervical anastomosis, intrathoracic anastomosis, Ivor Lewis esophagectomy, McKeown esophagectomy, minimally invasive esophagectomy, transthoracic esophagectomy

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Totally minimally invasive esophagectomy (TMIE) is increasingly used in treatment of patients with esophageal carcinoma.¹ TMIE has been shown to reduce pulmonary complications, postoperative pain and hospital length of stay compared to open esophagectomy,² without compromising oncologic safety.³ There are several surgical approaches for TMIE: the Orringer procedure (laparoscopic transhiatal with cervical anastomosis),⁴ the McKeown procedure (thoracoscopic with cervical anastomosis)⁵ and the Ivor Lewis procedure (thoracoscopic with intrathoracic anastomosis).⁶ Transhiatal TMIE is currently not favored,¹ because no adequate thoracic lymph node dissection can be performed which might compromise survival in



Adhesion-related readmissions after open and laparoscopic surgery: a retrospective cohort study (SCAR update)



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Summary

Background Adhesions are the most common driver of long-term morbidity after abdominal surgery. Although laparoscopy can reduce adhesion formation, the effect of minimally invasive surgery on long-term adhesion-related morbidity remains unknown. We aimed to assess the impact of laparoscopy on adhesion-related readmissions in a population-based cohort.

Methods We did a retrospective cohort study of patients of any age who had abdominal or pelvic surgery done using laparoscopic or open approaches between June 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011, using validated population data from the health Service. All patients who had surgery were followed up until Dec 31, 2017. The primary outcome was the incidence of hospital readmissions directly related to adhesions in the laparoscopic and open groups at 5 years. Readmissions were categorised as directly related to adhesions, possibly related to adhesions for an operation that was potentially complicated by adhesions. We did subgroup analyses by anatomical site of surgery and used Kaplan-Meier analyses to assess differences in readmission rates. We used multivariable Cox-regression analysis to determine whether surgical approach and anatomical site were independent and significant risk factors for adhesion-related readmissions.

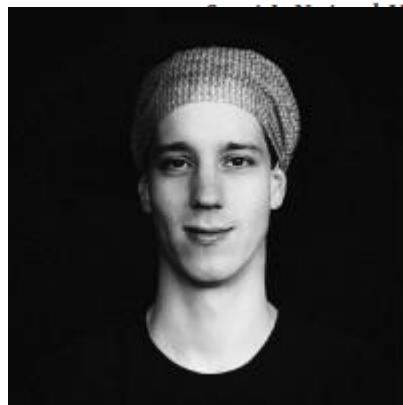
On June 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011, 72 270 patients had an index abdominal or pelvic surgery, of whom 42 519 (58.8%) had laparoscopic index surgery and 50 751 (70.2%) had open surgery. Of the 72 270 patients who had surgery, 3443 (4.8%) were readmitted within 5 years of surgery for disorders directly related to adhesions, 10 936 (15.1%) for disorders possibly related to adhesions, and 9436 (13.1%) for operations potentially complicated by adhesions. In the laparoscopic group, 1519 patients who had laparoscopic surgery, 359 (1.7% [95% CI 1.5–1.9]) were readmitted for disorders directly related to adhesions compared with 2168 (4.3% [4.1–4.5]) of 50 751 patients in the open surgery cohort ($p < 0.0001$). 3443 (16.0% [15.6–16.4]) of 21 519 patients in the laparoscopic surgery cohort were readmitted for disorders possibly related to adhesions, compared with 10 936 (15.1% [14.8–15.4]) of 72 270 patients in the open surgery cohort ($p = 0.0001$). 9436 (13.1% [12.8–13.4]) of 72 270 patients in the open surgery cohort were readmitted for operations potentially complicated by adhesions, compared with 10 936 (15.1% [14.8–15.4]) of 72 270 patients in the laparoscopic surgery cohort ($p = 0.0001$).

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE – COLORECTAL CANCER

The Impact of Primary Tumor Location in Synchronous Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: Differences in Metastatic Sites and Survival

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Purpose. We explored differences in survival between

0.71–0.76). The survival disadvantage for RCC remained present, even in cases with metastasectomy for liver-only

Detection of Barrett's oesophagus through exhaled breath using an electronic nose device

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MESSAGE

Timely detection of oesophageal adenocarcinoma (OAC) and even more so its precursor Barrett's oesophagus could contribute to decrease OAC incidence and mortality. An accurate, minimally-invasive screening method for BO for widespread use is currently not available. In a proof-of-principle study in 402 patients, we developed and cross-validated a BO prediction model based on volatile organic compounds (VOCs) analysis with an electronic nose device. This electronic nose was able to distinguish between patients with and without BO with good diagnostic accuracy (sensitivity 91% specificity 91%) and seemed to be independent of proton pump inhibitor use, the presence of hiatal hernia, and reflux. This technique may enable an efficient, well-tolerated, sensitive and specific screening method to select high-risk individuals to undergo upper endoscopy.

by an electronic nose device is based on pattern recognition and resembles mammalian olfaction (figure 1).^{6,7} The Aeonose (the eNose company, Zutphen, the Netherlands) consists of three metal-oxide sensors and uses chemical to electrical interfaces to measure subtle VOC profiles of different diseases in exhaled breath. Data were analysed by an artificial neural network in a supervised fashion to identify data classifiers to extract breath print differences between patients with BO, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD), and controls. Leave-10%-out cross-validation of data was performed after training the artificial neural network to make sure the prediction model generated was disease-specific. More details on the methods and the electronic nose technology can be found in the online supplementary file.^{8,9}



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Targeted Optical Imaging of the Glucagonlike Peptide 1 Receptor Using Exendin-4-IRDye 800CW

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The treatment of choice for insulinomas and focal lesions in hyperinsulinism (CHI) is surgery. However, intraoperative imaging is challenging. This challenge could be overcome by fluorescence imaging, which provides real-time, high spatial resolution. Here, a novel method for in vivo NIR fluorescence imaging of glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1R)-positive lesions, using the GLP-1R antagonist Exendin-4-IRDye 800CW, was examined in vitro and in vivo. A competitive binding assay was performed in Capan-1 and lung (CHL) cells transfected with GLP-1R. The specificity was determined in BALB/c nude mice bearing GLP-1R xenografts. In vivo NIR fluorescence imaging of GLP-1R xenografts was performed. Localization of GLP-1R-positive pancreatic islets of BALB/c nude mice was

Although preoperative imaging is essential for tumor detection before surgical cancer treatment, translating this information into the operating room is often challenging. Intraoperative optical imaging can provide real-time detection of tumor lesions and thereby contribute to optimal surgical procedures (1).

Insulinomas, insulin-producing neuroendocrine tumors arising from stem cells or pancreatic β -cells, are the most common cause of endogenous adult hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia (2). Persistent hypoglycemia also occurs in neonates and is in most cases caused by congenital hyperinsulinism (CHI). There are 2 subforms of this disease: focal CHI, caused by focal adenomatous islet cell hyperplasia, and diffuse CHI, resulting from diffuse involvement of pancreatic β -cells (3). Symptoms of insulinomas and CHI, caused by

Article

CD276-Positive Circulating Endothelial Cells Do Not Predict Response to Systemic Therapy in Advanced Colorectal Cancer

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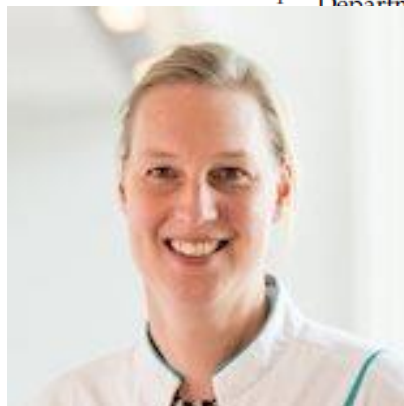
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Assessment of individual tumor buds using keratin immunohistochemistry: moderate interobserver agreement suggests a role for machine learning

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g is a promising and cost-effective biomarker with strong prognostic value in colorectal cancer. However, interobserver variability persist. Such variability may be reduced by immunohistochemistry and digital tumor bud selection. Development of computer algorithms for this purpose requires unequivocal assessment of individual tumor buds. As such, we undertook a large-scale, international, and digital observer study on tumor bud assessment. From a pool of 46 colorectal cancer cases with tumor budding, 3000 tumor buds were selected, largely based on digital image analysis algorithms. For each candidate bud, an image patch (100 × 100 μm) was extracted from a pan cytokeratin-stained whole-slide image. Members of an International Tumor Budding Consortium ($n = 7$) were asked to categorize each candidate as either (1) tumor bud, (2) poorly differentiated tumor bud, or (3) neither, based on current definitions. Agreement was assessed with Cohen's and Fleiss Kappa statistics. Fleiss Kappa showed moderate overall agreement between observers (0.42 and 0.51), while Cohen's Kappas ranged from 0.25 to 0.63. Complete agreement by all seven observers was present for only 34% of the 3000 tumor bud

Multimodal CEA-Targeted Image-Guided Colorectal Cancer Surgery using ^{111}In -Labeled SGM-101

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: Intraoperative image guidance may aid in clinical decision-making during surgical treatment of colorectal cancer. We developed the dual-labeled carcinoembryonic antigen-^{111}\text{In}-labeled SGM-101, for pre- and intra-

cancer. Subsequently, we investigated the biodistribution and multimodal imaging and assessed the clinical feasibility in colorectal cancer samples, paving the way for

101 was conjugated with p-isothiocyanatopentanoic acid (DTPA) and ^{111}In . The biodistribution of 3, 10, 30, 60, and 120 minutes after injection of SGM-101 was assessed in a dose response study in mice with subcutaneous LS174T and intraperitoneal LS174T tumors. Mice with intraperitoneal LS174T

tumors underwent micro-SPECT/CT imaging and fluorescence image-guided resection. In a final translational experiment, we

incubated freshly resected human tumor specimens with the tracer and assessed the tumor-to-adjacent tissue ratio of both signals.

Results: The optimal protein dose of ^{111}In In-DTPA-SGM-101 was 30 μg (tumor-to-blood ratio, 5.8 ± 1.1) and the optimal timepoint for imaging was 72 hours after injection (tumor-to-blood ratio, 5.1 ± 1.0). In mice with intraperitoneal tumors, ^{111}In In-DTPA-SGM-101 enabled preoperative SPECT/CT imaging and fluorescence image-guided resection. After incubation of human tumor samples, overall fluorescence and radiosignal intensities were higher in tumor areas compared with adjacent nontumor tissue ($P < 0.001$).

Conclusions: ^{111}In In-DTPA-SGM-101 showed specific accumulation in colorectal tumors, and enabled micro-SPECT/CT imaging and fluorescence image-guided tumor resection. Thus, ^{111}In In-DTPA-SGM-101 could be a valuable tool for preoperative SPECT/CT imaging and intraoperative radio-guided localization and fluorescence image-guided resection of colorectal cancer.



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