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# How to do a safe MIS distal pancreatectomy with and without spleen preservation pdf

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# DISTAL PANCREATECTOMY

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Kimura technique]; B --> E[Warshaw technique];
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The diagram is a hierarchical flowchart. At the top is a dark blue box with the text 'DISTAL PANCREATECTOMY' in white. Two red arrows point downwards from this box to two separate dark blue boxes: 'SPLenic PRESERVATION' on the left and 'SPLENECTOMY' on the right. From the 'SPLenic PRESERVATION' box, two more red arrows point downwards to two final dark blue boxes: 'Splenic vessel preservation Kimura technique' on the left and 'Warshaw technique' on the right. All text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

SPLenic PRESERVATION

SPLENECTOMY

Splenic vessel preservation  
Kimura technique

Warshaw technique

# Spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy

- Benign
- Premalignant
- Low-grade malignant

**Risk of inadequate oncological clearance**

# Complications of splenectomy

- Thrombocytosis
- Thromboembolism
- Infections
- Elevated risk of cancer
  - Lung
  - Ovarian



# Splenectomy and tumor size are risk factors for serious perioperative morbidity of laparoscopic distal pancreatectomies

Tab. III. Analysis of potential risk factors for perioperative morbidity after laparoscopic distal pancreatectomies.

PARAMETER	OR	95%CI	P-VALUE
Females	0.96	0.41–2.24	0.917
Age (cont.)	1.02	0.99–1.05	0.113
BMI (cont.)	1.03	0.95–1.12	0.534
Cystic pancreatic neoplasms	0.59	0.22–1.56	0.284
IPMN	0.99	n/a	n/a
NET	0.50	0.20–1.27	0.145
Adenocarcinoma	3.39	1.36–8.48	<b>0.009</b>
Meta	3.62	0.85–15.37	0.081
Tail vs. body of pancreas	1.35	0.60–3.07	0.468
With splenectomy	3.15	1.34–7.39	<b>0.009</b>
Operative time (cont.)	1.01	1.01–1.02	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Operative time >180 min (AUC 0.70, 95%CI 0.59–0.80, P<0.001)	3.49	1.53–7.95	<b>0.003</b>
Blood loss (cont.)	1.00	1.00–1.02	<b>0.023</b>
Blood loss >250 ml (AUC 0.63, 95%CI 0.52–0.74, P = 0.021)	2.40	1.07–5.39	<b>0.034</b>
Tumor size (cont.)	1.02	1.00–1.04	<b>0.040</b>
Tumor size > 28 mm (AUC 0.65, 95%CI 0.54–0.76, P = 0.008)	3.37	1.39–8.15	<b>0.007</b>

Tab. IV. Multivariate logistic regression model of risk factors for perioperative morbidity after laparoscopic distal pancreatectomies.

PARAMETER	OR	95%CI	P-VALUE
With splenectomy	3.66	1.20–11.18	<b>0.023</b>
Tumor size > 28 mm	3.01	1.19–7.59	<b>0.020</b>
Adenocarcinoma	1.44	0.48–4.33	0.513

REVIEW ARTICLE – HEALTHCARE POLICY AND OUTCOMES

**18 studies**  
**1,156 patients**

## Splenic Preservation Versus Splenectomy During Distal Pancreatectomy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

**TABLE 2** Characteristics of studies included in subanalysis of SVP versus WT

Study	Year	Nation	Study type	Cases		Mean age, year, SVP/WT	Sex, male, female, SVP/WT	Study quality
				SVP-SPDP	WT-SPDP			
Fernandez-Cruz <sup>39</sup>	2004	Spain	P	9 (lap)	9 (lap)	NA	NA	*****
Melotti <sup>40</sup>	2007	Italy	PCD	27 (lap)	5 (lap)	NA	NA	****
Baldwin <sup>41</sup>	2011	USA	P	5 (lap)	4 (lap)	79.8/81.8	NA	*****
Beane <sup>36</sup>	2011	USA	R	45 (13 open + 21 lap + 11 rob)	41 (5 open + 33 lap + 3 rob)	53.4/56.7	10, 35/19, 22	*****
Butturini <sup>42</sup>	2012	Italy	R	36 (lap)	7 (lap)	47.1/44.3	7, 29/1, 6	*****
Hwang <sup>43</sup>	2013	Korea	R	17 (rob)	4 (rob)	43.7/36.8	7,10/0,4	*****
Jean-Philippe <sup>44</sup>	2013	France and Spain	PCD	41 (lap)	84 (lap)	NA	NA	*****
Lv <sup>45</sup>	2013	China	R	12 (lap)	8 (lap)	37.5/42.8	2, 10/3, 5	*****
Matsushima <sup>46</sup>	2014	Japan	R	7 (lap)	17 (lap)	69.0/52.8	4,3/3, 14	*****
Worhunsky <sup>47</sup>	2014	USA	PCD	19 (lap)	31 (lap)	56.0/54.0	9,10/7,24	*****
Zhou <sup>48</sup>	2014	Korea	R	206 (lap)	40 (lap)	49.9/46.6	63,143/5,35	*****

SVP splenic vessel preservation, WT Warshaw technique, SPDP spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy, P prospective study, PCD prospectively collected data, R retrospective study, lap laparoscopic, rob robotic, NA not available

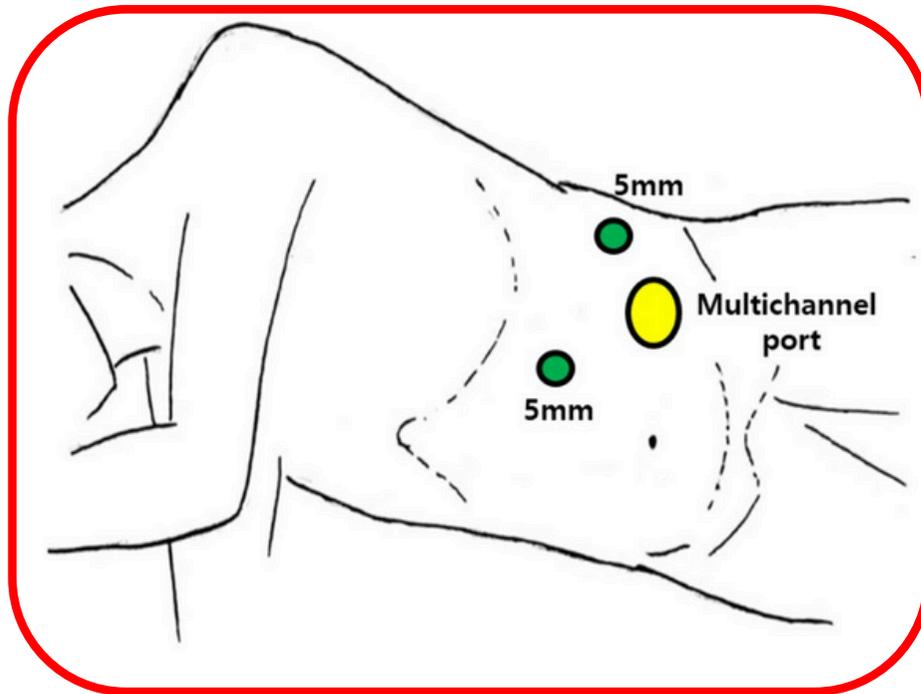
## Splenic Preservation Versus Splenectomy During Distal Pancreatectomy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

### SPDP vs DPS

	502	vs	654	p
infectious complications	8.71%		15.25%	0.006
overall morbidity rate	27.49		35.32	0.002
pancreatic fistula rate B/C	6.90%		14.33	0.002

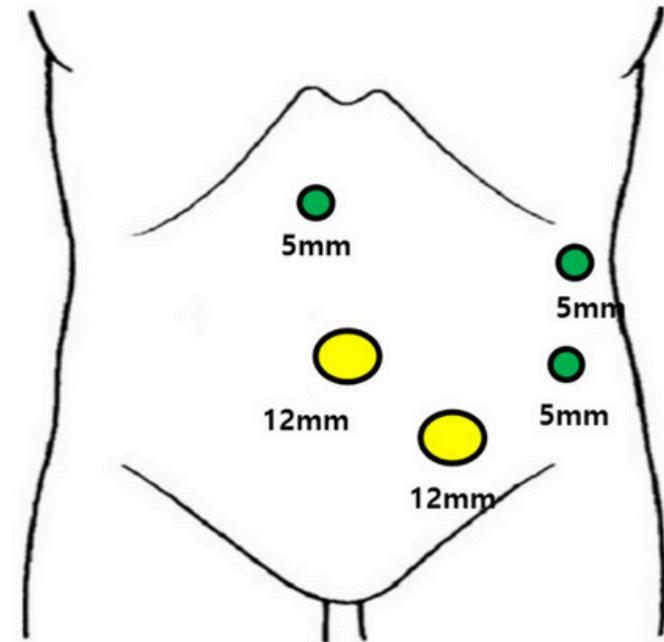
# SPLEEN-PRESERVING DISTAL

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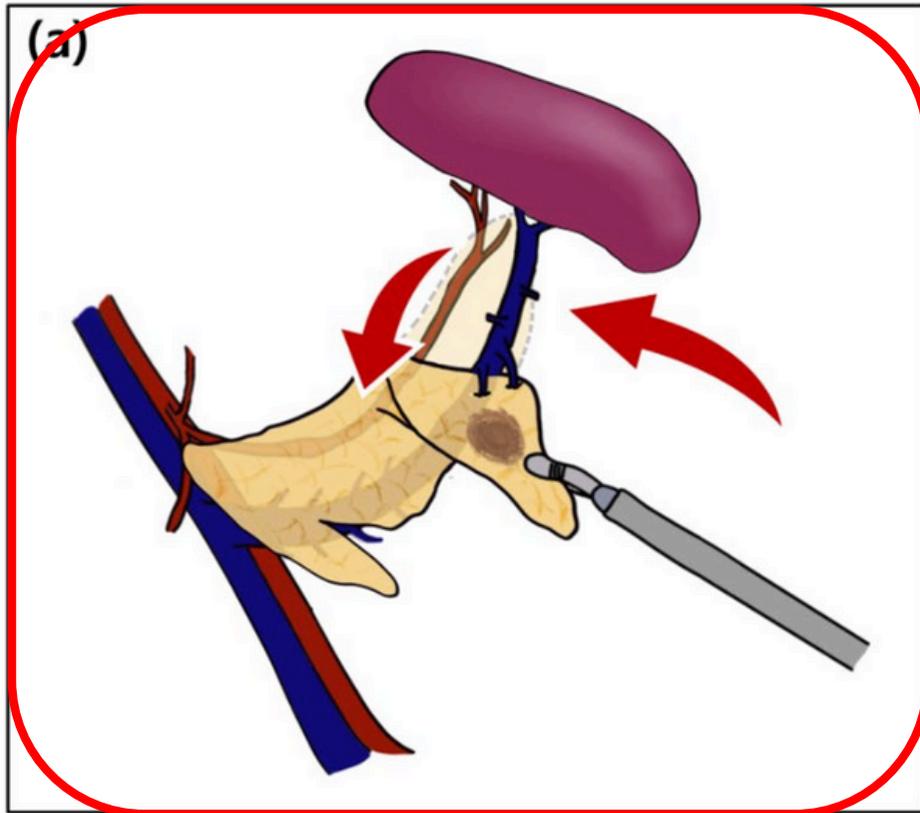
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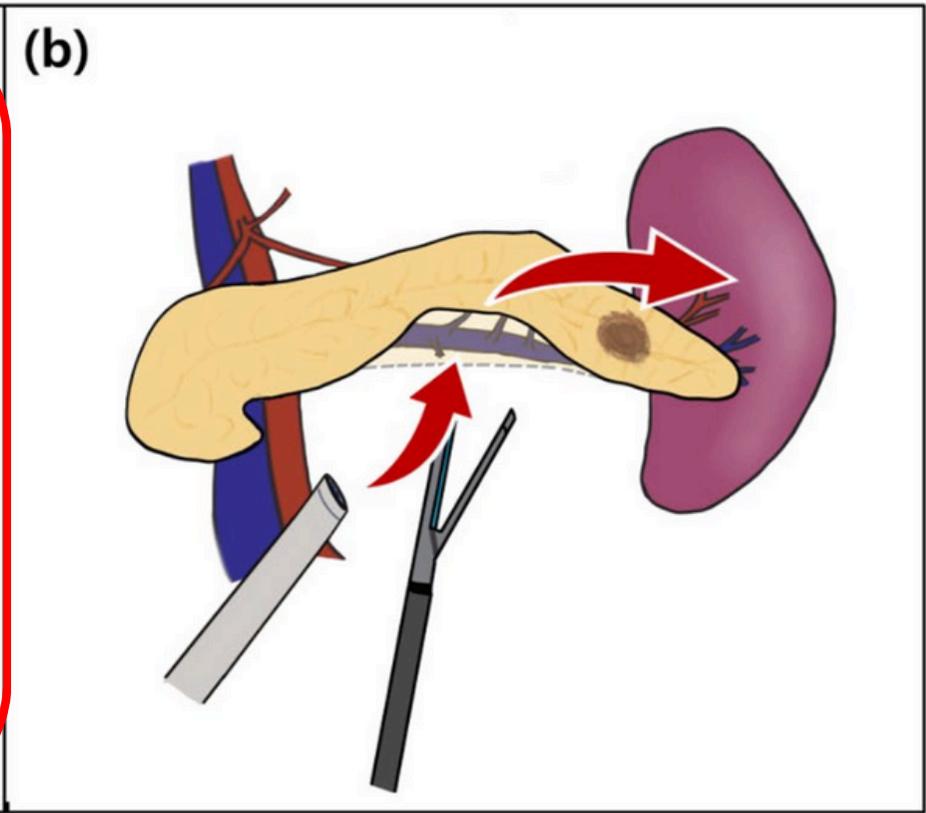
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# SPLEEN-PRESERVING DISTAL



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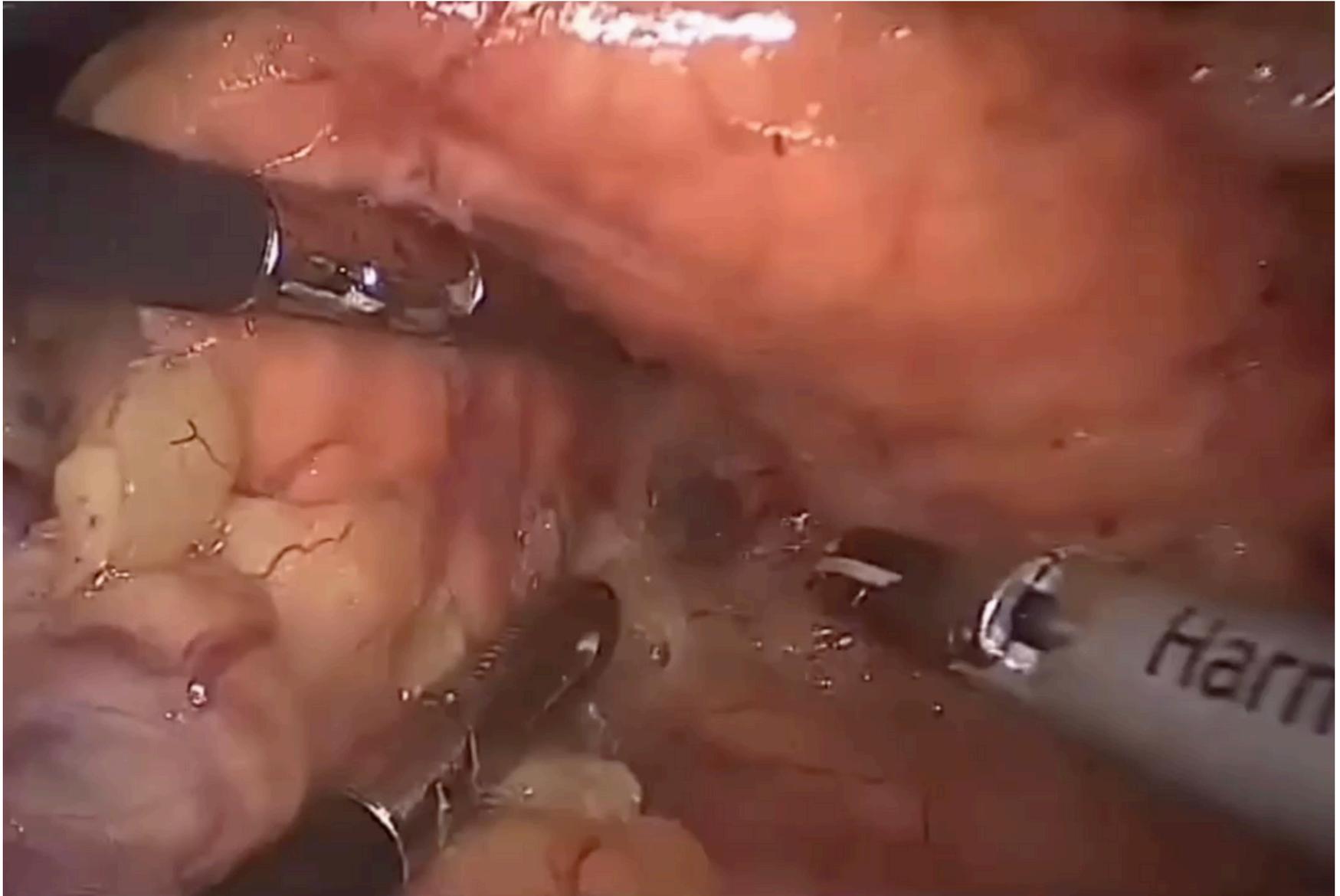
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# Gastrocolic omentum is divided



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# SITE OF PANCREATIC DIVISION



# PANCREATIC FISTULA IN OBESE PATIENTS

**TABLE 3** | Univariate and multivariate analysis of factors related to clinically relevant POPF.

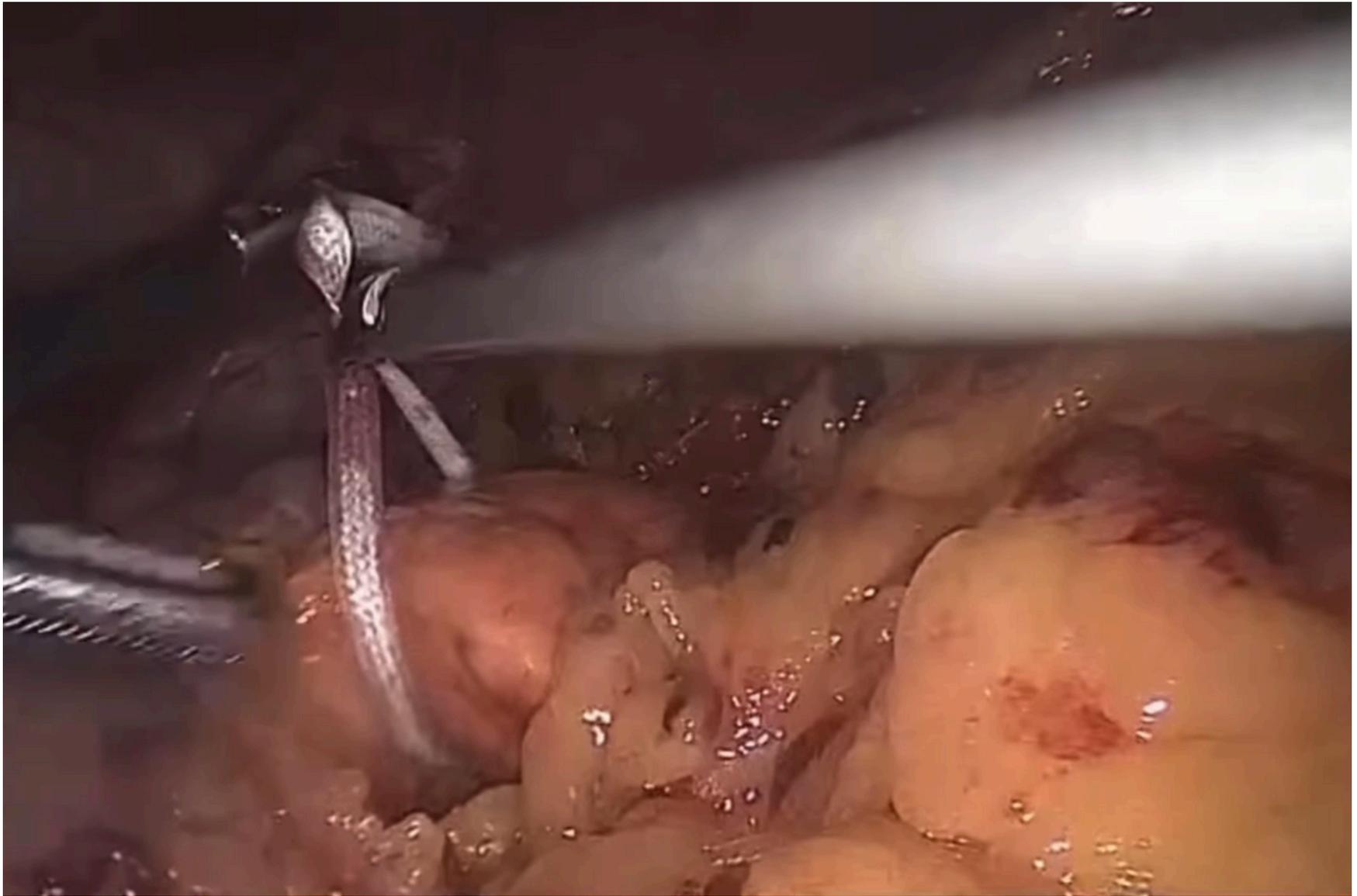
Variables	POPF grade B/C							
	Univariate analysis				Multivariate analysis			
	<i>p</i>	OR	95% CI lower	95% CI upper	<i>p</i>	OR	95% CI lower	95% CI upper
Laparoscopic approach	<b>0.001</b>	4.2	1.810	9.558	<b>0.003</b>	4	1.613	10.124
Diabetes	0.413	1.6	0.505	5.270				
Pancreatic body transection	<b>0.004</b>	3.9	1.556	9.849	<b>0.051</b>	2.6	1	6.973
Male sex	0.077	2.1	0.925	4.564				
Stump closure method other than stapler	<b>0.004</b>	3.3	1.478	7.412	<b>0.019</b>	3.2	1.197	7.297
ASA $\geq$ III	<b>0.030</b>	2.6	1.097	6.133	0.385	1.5	0.587	3.979
Kimura spleen-preservation	0.750	1.1	0.600	2.031				
Conversion to open	0.106	5.5	0.695	43.923				
Operative time	0.139	1	0.999	1.006				
Final histology PNET	0.702	0.855	0.384	1.905				

Note: In bold: statistically significant difference.

Abbreviations: AUC, area under the curve; CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; PNET, pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor; POPF, post-operative pancreatic fistula.

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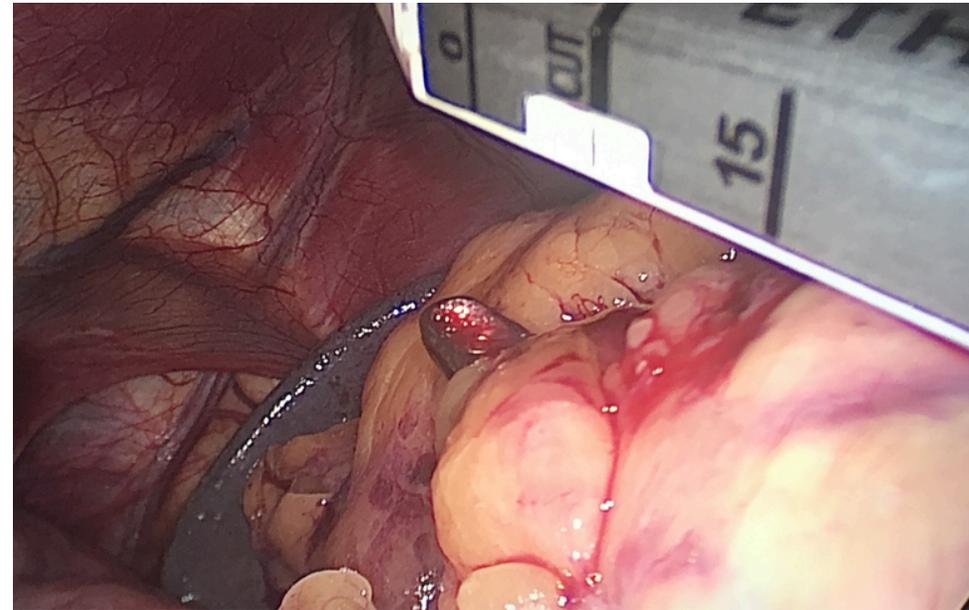
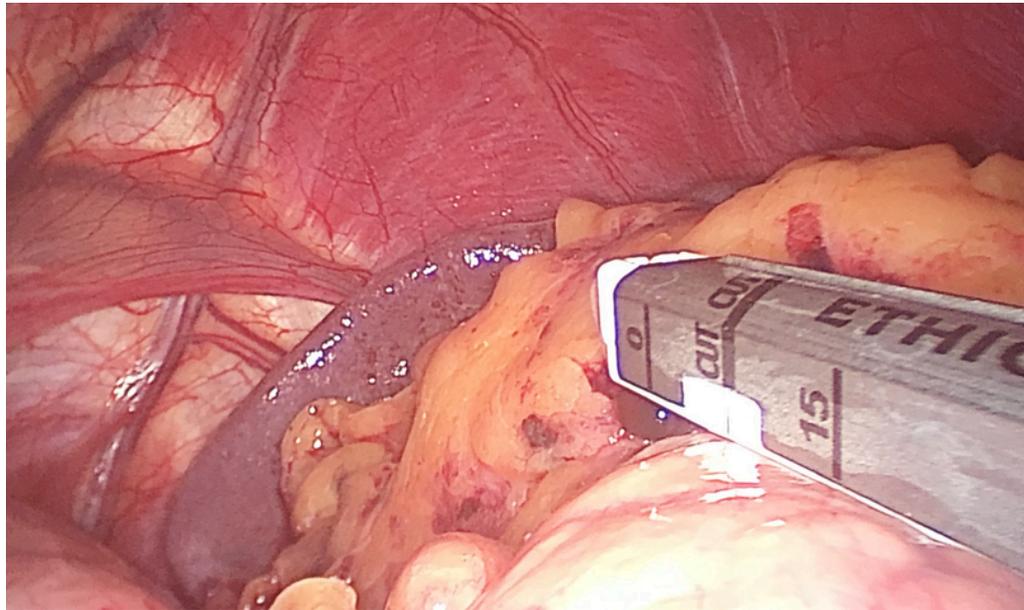
# TAPE AROUND THE PANCREAS



# PANCREATIC FISTULA IN OBESE PATIENTS

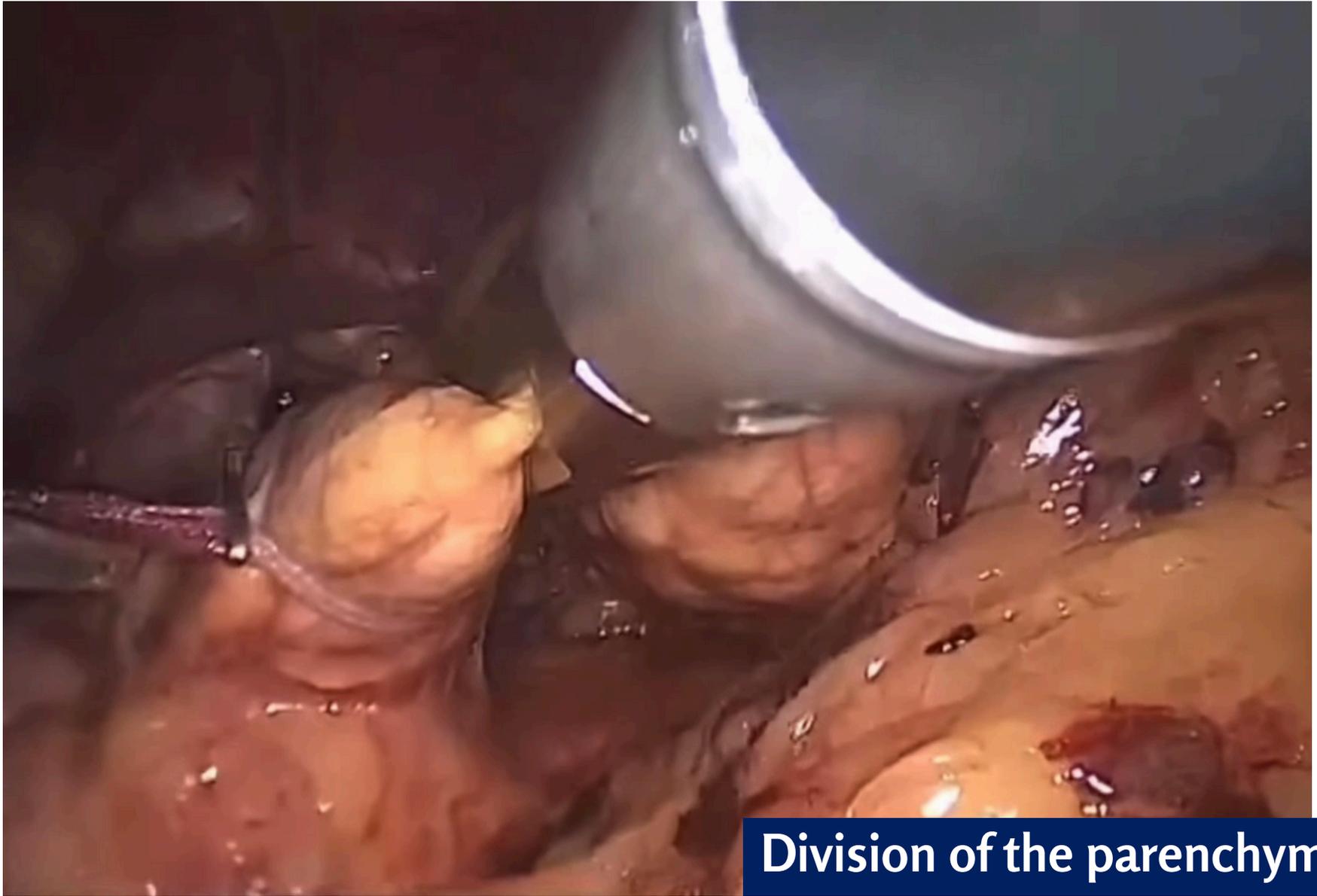
Stapler-based closure

Transection of the pancreas at the pancreatic neck



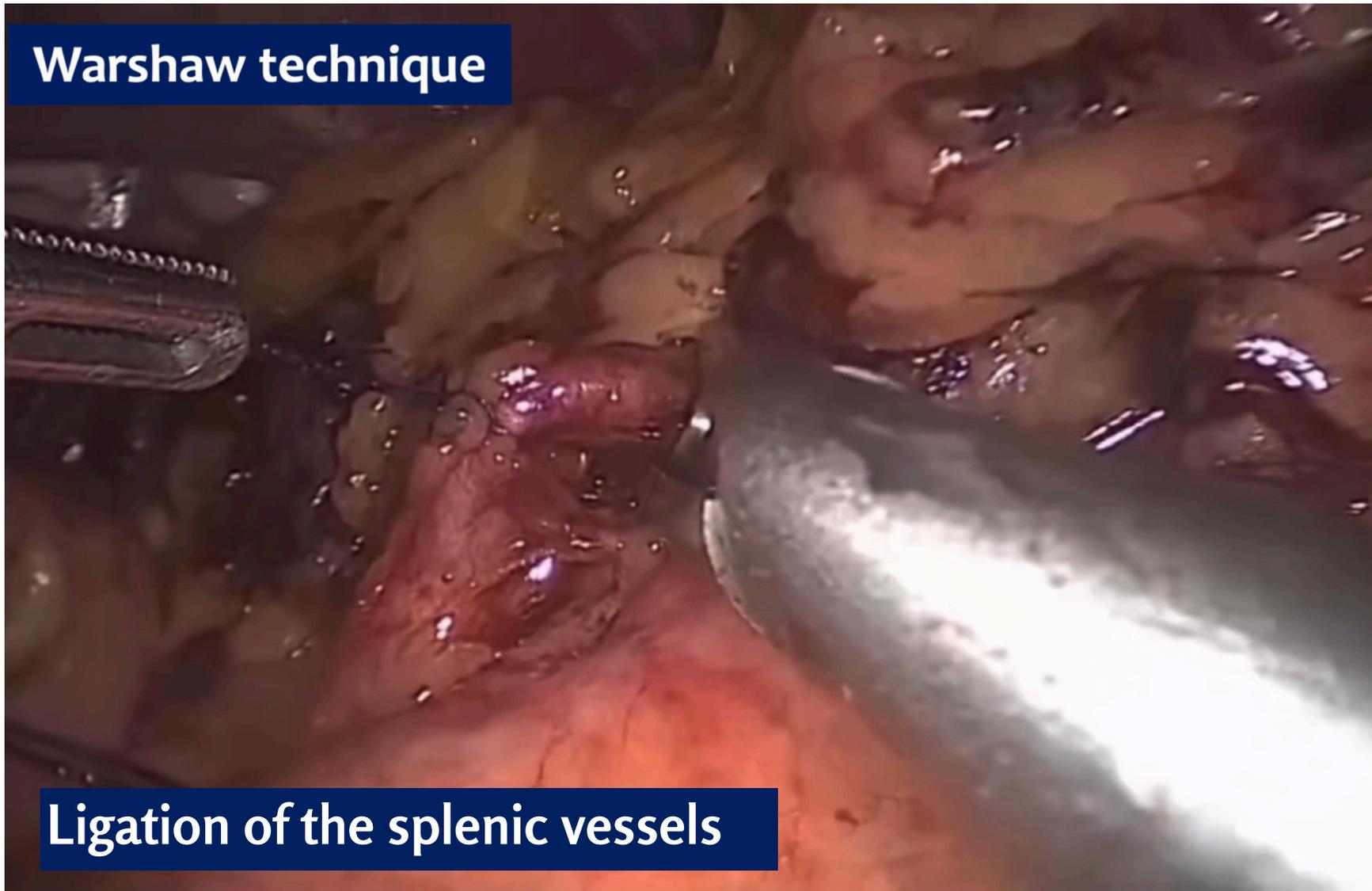
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**Slow and progressive**



**Division of the parenchyma**

## Warshaw technique



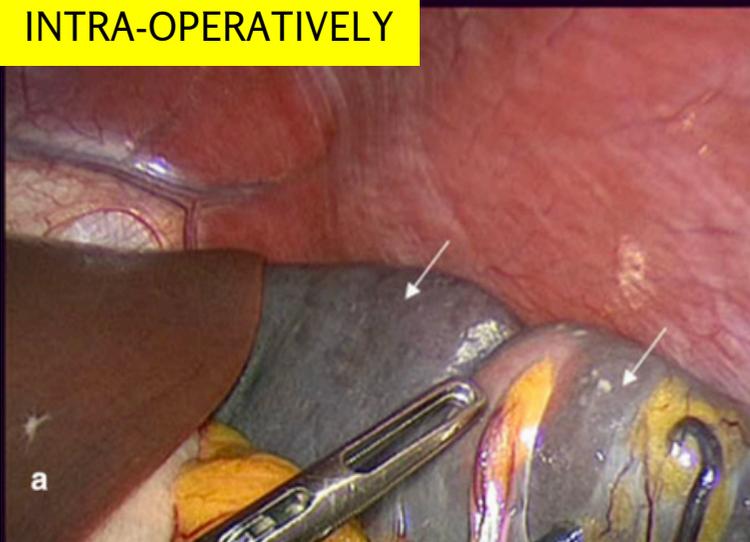
Ligation of the splenic vessels

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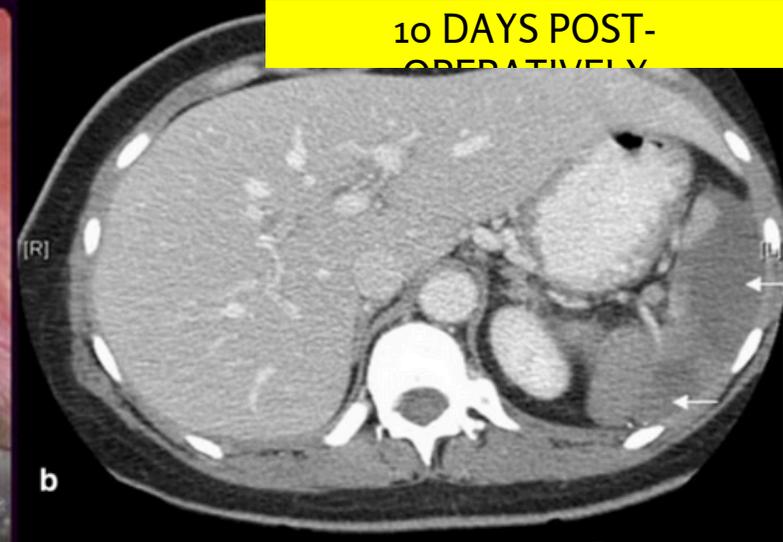
# SPLENIC INFARCTION

# Warshaw technique

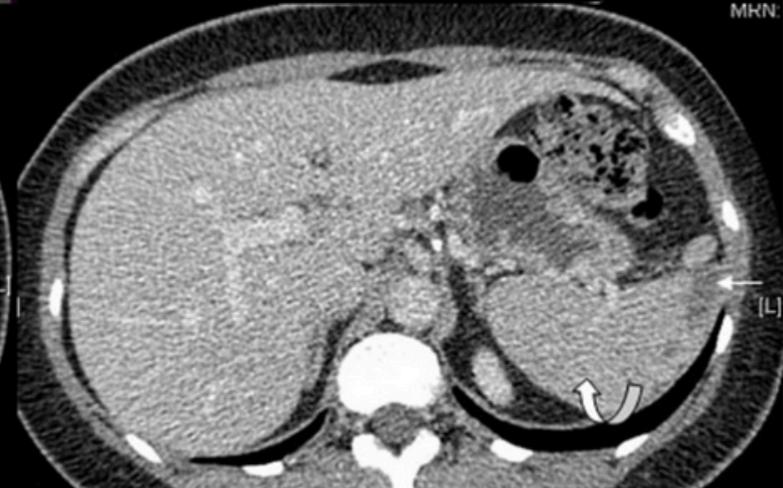
INTRA-OPERATIVELY



10 DAYS POST-OPERATIVELY

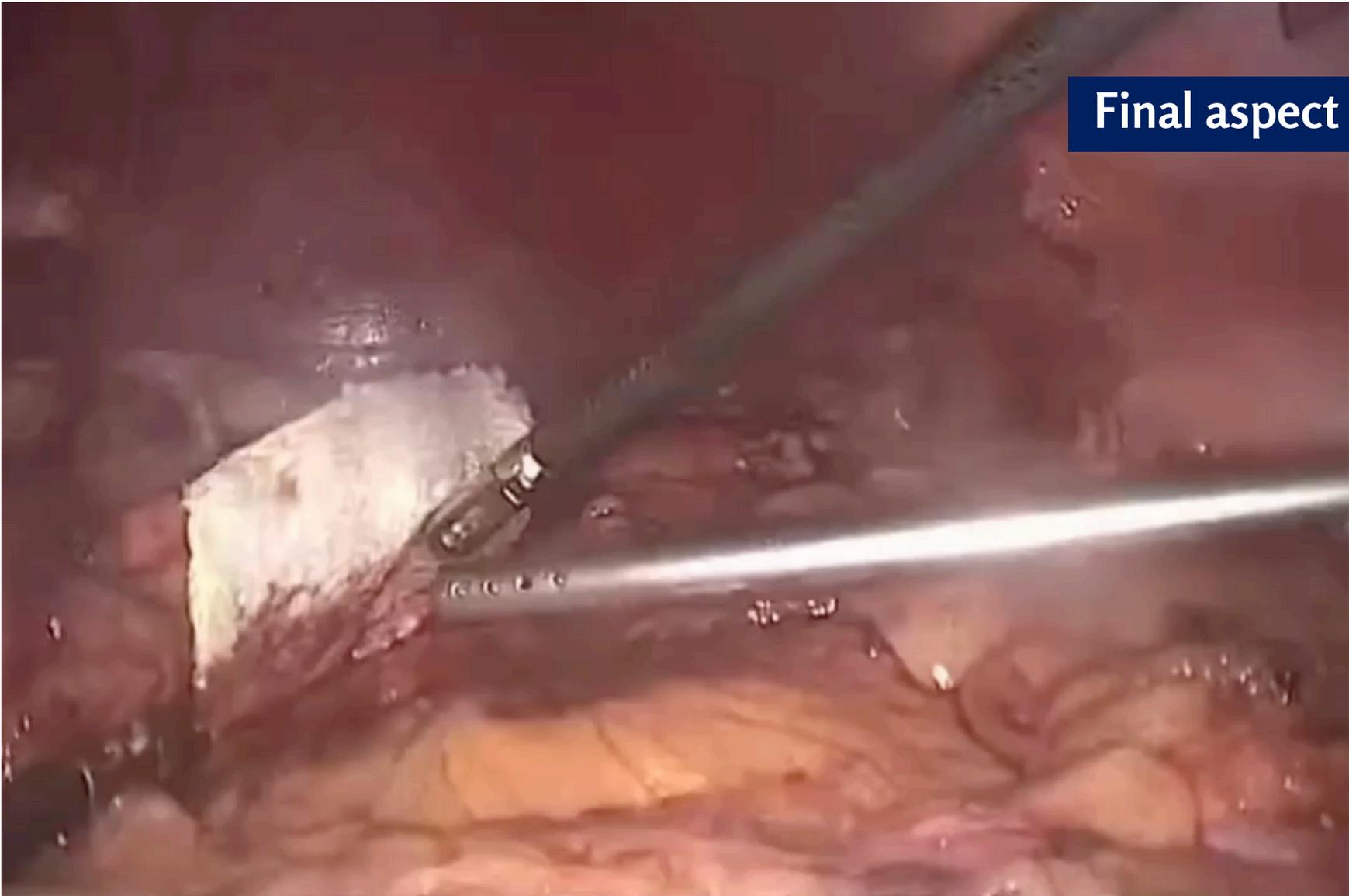


1 MONTH POST-OPERATIVELY



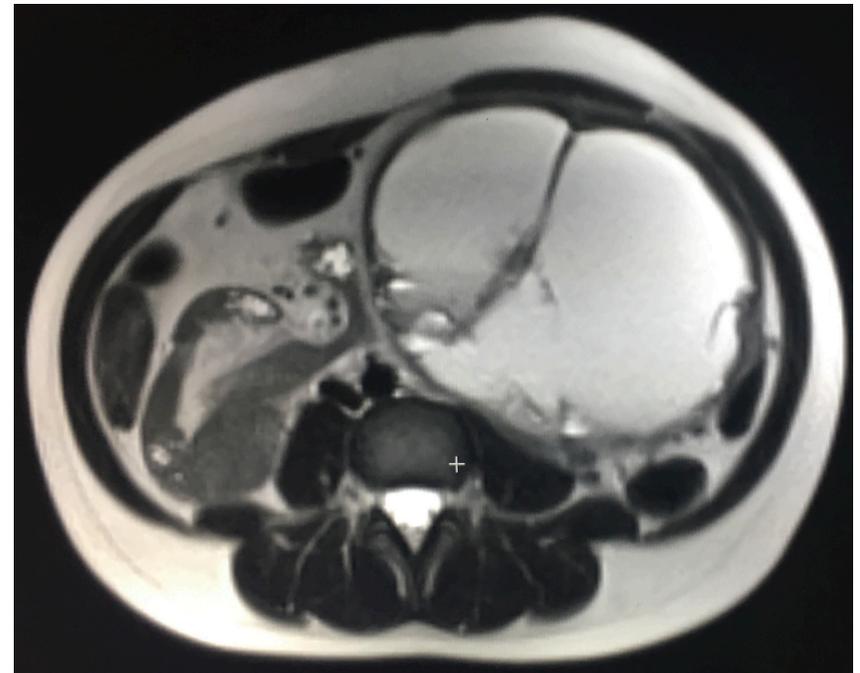
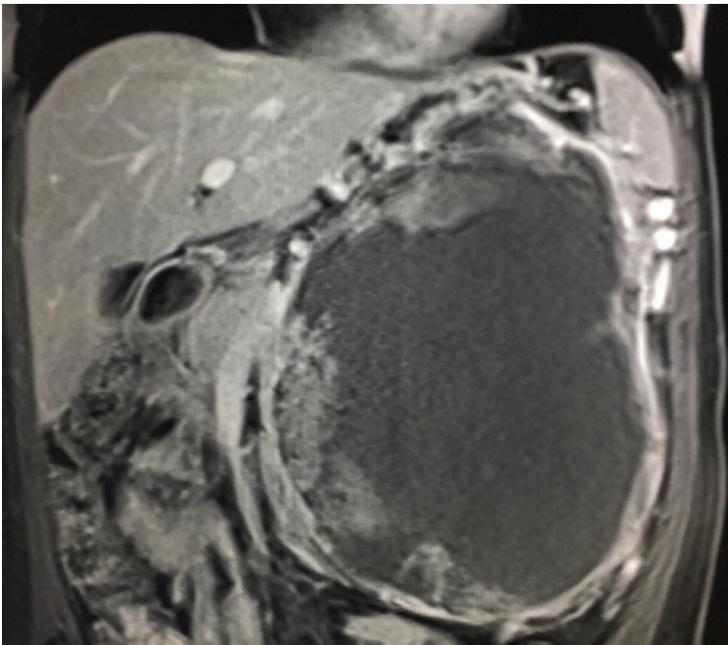
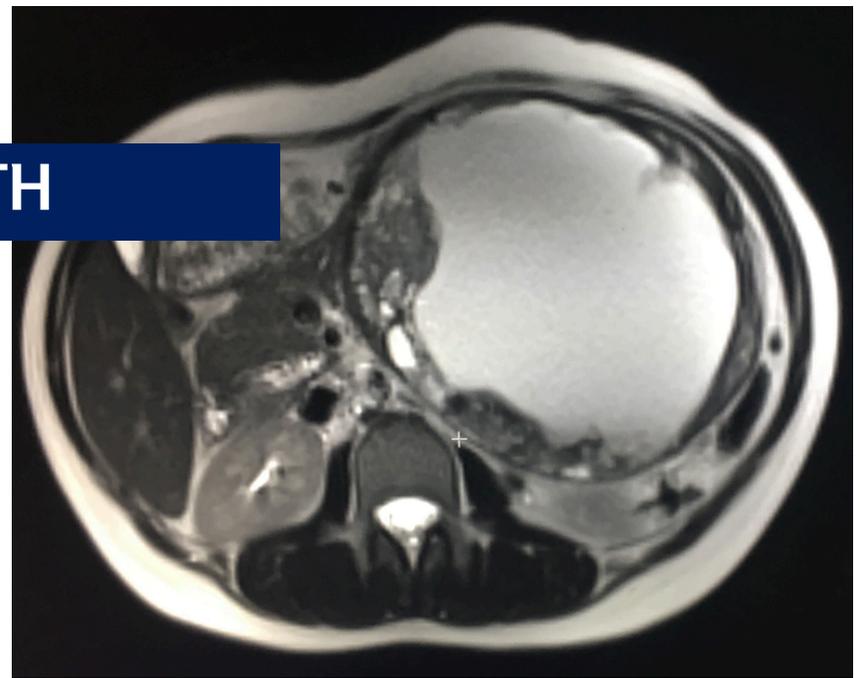
6 MONTHS POST-OPERATIVELY

Final aspect



# TUMOR SIZE

## DISTAL PANCREATECTOMY WITH





## Laparoscopic antegrade spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy with conservation of the splenic vessels: a prospective multi-centre case series

**Table 1**

**General and intraoperative data.**

Characteristics	<i>N</i> = 18 (%)
Age (years), mean (range)	39.4 ± 13.3 (16–63)
Sex ratio (female: male)	16: 2
Operative time (median ± SD, min–max minutes)	171 ± 23 (128–210)
Estimated blood loss (median ± SD, min–max ml)	65.7 ± 43 (30–150)
Tumor diameter (cm), median (range)	3.5 (2.5–7)
Location of the tumor	
Body, <i>n</i> , (%)	10 (55.6)
Tail, <i>n</i> , (%)	8 (44.4)
Presence of compression of the splenic vein	
No, <i>n</i> , (%)	14 (77.8)
Yes, <i>n</i> , (%)	4 (22.2)

min, minimum; max, maximum.



## Laparoscopic antegrade spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy with conservation of the splenic vessels: a prospective multi-centre case series

**Table 2**

**Short-term outcomes.**

Index	<i>N</i> = 18
Type of postoperative complications, <i>n</i> , (%)	
Pancreatic fistula	12 (66.7)
Bleeding <sup>a</sup> (GI bleeding, peritoneal hemorrhage)	2 (11.1%)
Pancreatic fistula, <i>n</i> , (%)	
Grade A	8 (44.4)
Grade B	6 (22.2)
Grade C	0
Re-operations <sup>a</sup>	2 (11.1)
Length of hospital stay (mean ± SD, min–max days)	9.4 ± 1.3 (6–15)
In-hospital mortality, <i>n</i> , (%)	0

GI, gastrointestinal; min, minimum; max, maximum.

<sup>a</sup>Two cases required re-operation due to postoperative bleeding, with one instance undergoing laparoscopic surgery and another requiring open surgery due to hemorrhagic shock.

# Kimura vs Warshaw

## REVIEW ARTICLE

### Spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy with and without splenic vessel ligation: a systematic review

**Table 2** Patient characteristics

	Warshaw's technique	SVP technique
Age (years) <sup>a</sup>	52 (47–58)	48 (25–66)
Gender (male : female)	100:195	43:69
Indications: <sup>b</sup>		
Cystic and solitary pseudo papillary neoplasms:		
IPMN	39% (95/247)	30% (37/124)
Neuroendocrine tumours	18% (44/247)	31% (39/124)
Malignancy	16% (41/247)	9% (11/124)
Others (cysts, pancreatitis, trauma)	4% (10/247)	10% (12/124)
	23% (57/247)	20% (25/124)

<sup>a</sup>Data in weighted mean (range).

<sup>b</sup>Data in percentage (number of patients/ total number of reported patients).

IPMN, intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm.

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**Table 3** Peri-operative outcomes

	Warshaw's technique	SVP technique	<i>P</i> -value
Operating time (min)	160 (116–200)	215 (150–367)	< 0.001
Blood loss (ml)	301 (140–507)	391 (58–566)	< 0.001
Length of stay (days)	8 (6–11)	11. (4–21)	< 0.001

All data in weighted mean (range).

## REVIEW ARTICLE

## Spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy with and without splenic vessel ligation: a systematic review

**Table 4** Complications

	Warshaw's technique	SVP technique	<sup>a</sup> P-value
Splenic complications:			
Post-operative splenectomy	2% (7/356)	0% (0/574)	0.001
Splenic infarction	22% (51/233)	2% (2/103)	<0.001
Perigastric varices	17% (39/232)	0% (0/15)	0.14
Submucosal varices	11% (5/46)	0% (0/15)	0.58
Intra-abdominal collections	6% (7/111)	4% (12)	0.29
Pancreatic fistula	11% (17/148)	16% (41/253)	0.15
Chronic left-sided abdominal pain	38% (5/13)	0% (0/15)	0.048

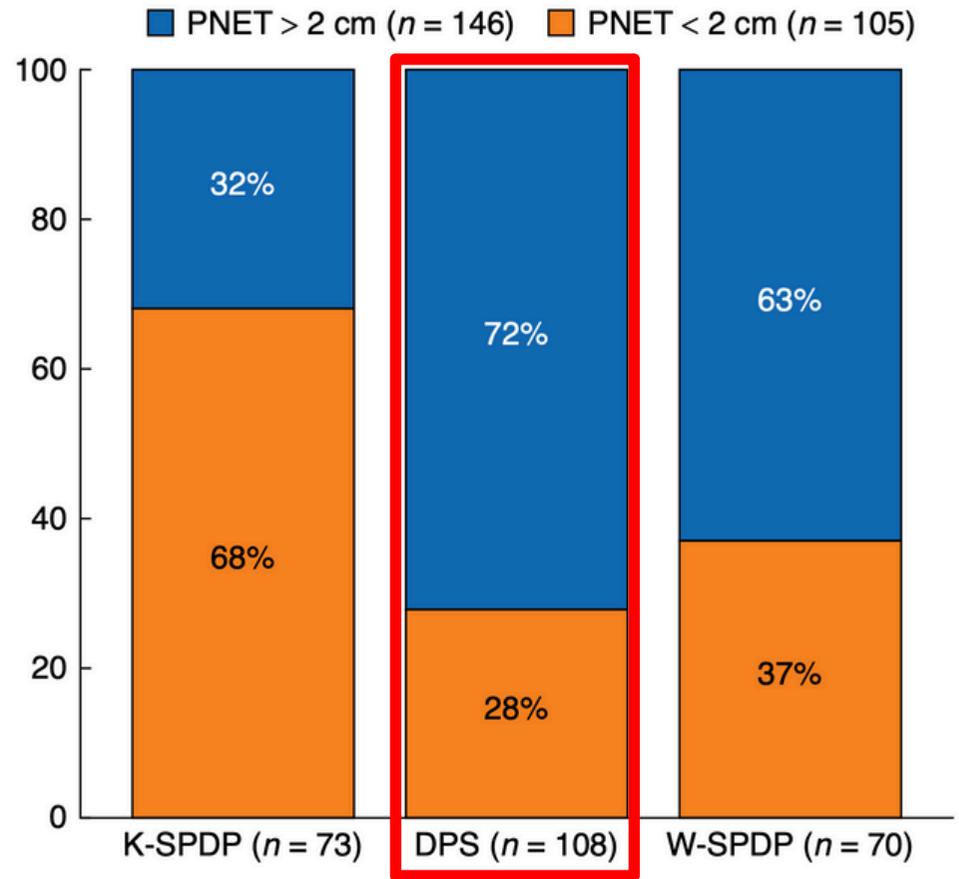
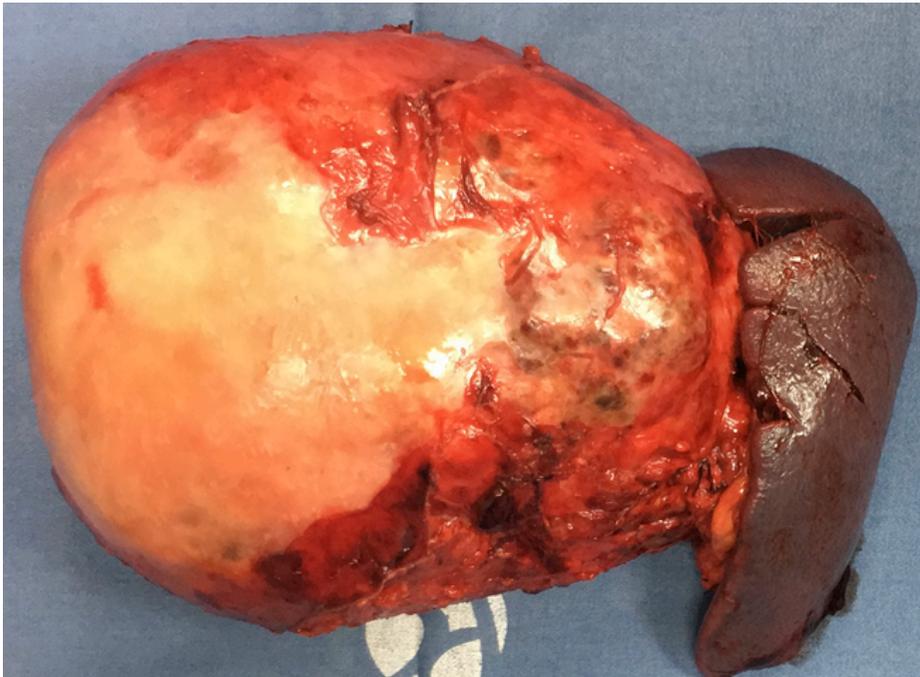
All data in percentage (number of patients/total number of reported patients).

<sup>a</sup>P-values calculated using the chi-square test.

# Benefit of splenectomy in distal pancreatectomy for neuroendocrine tumours: multicentre retrospective study

## Neuroendocrine tumors

### TUMOR SIZE



**Fig. 1** Distribution of tumour size according to the type of resection  
 PNET, pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour; K-SPDP, Kimura spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy; DPS, distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy; W-SPDP, Warshaw spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy.

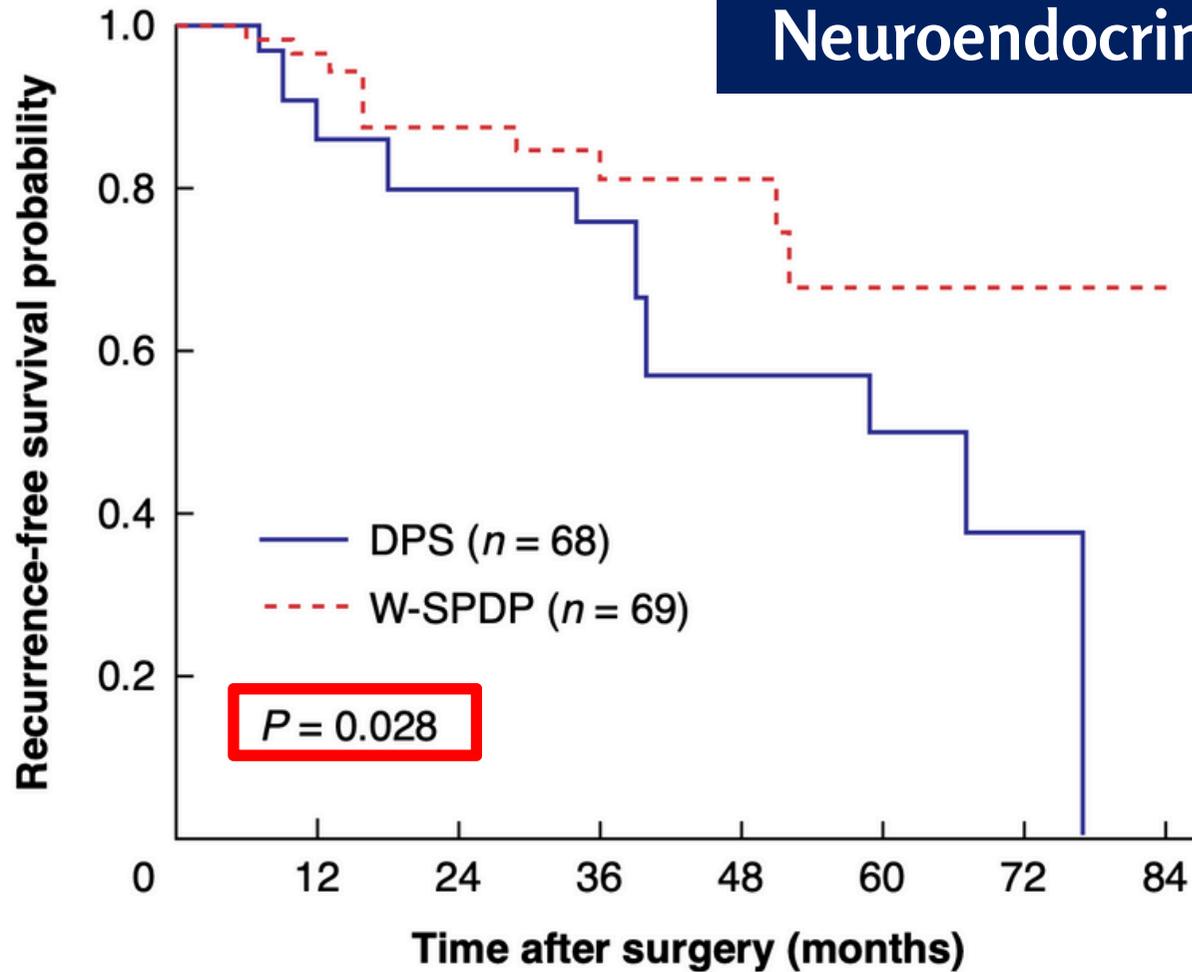
**Table 3 Comparison between distal pancreatectomy and Warshaw technique after propensity score matching**

	Overall (n = 140)	DPS (n = 70)	W-SPDP (n = 70)	P
<b>Patient outcomes</b>				
Age (years), median (i.q.r.)	60 (50–66)	61 (54–68)	59 (47–66)	0.201
Gender, female	77 (55%)	37 (53%)	40 (57%)	0.386
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), median (i.q.r.)	25.8 (25.7–30)	25.8 (23.2–29.8)	25.7 (21.5–30)	0.672
ASA score > 2	10 (7.1%)	6 (8%)	4 (6%)	0.327
Diabetes mellitus	21 (15%)	12 (17%)	9 (13%)	0.478
Cardiovascular disease	9 (6.4%)	3 (4%)	6 (9%)	0.301
<b>Intraoperative outcomes</b>				
Minimally invasive	76 (54.3%)	38 (54%)	38 (54%)	0.999
Transection at the neck	90 (64.3%)	49 (70%)	41 (59%)	0.158
Operative time (min), median (i.q.r.)	180 (179–240)	203 (148–250)	173 (120–210)	0.011
Blood transfusion	9 (6.4%)	7 (10%)	2 (3%)	0.085
Estimated blood loss (ml), median (i.q.r.)	200 (100–400)	200 (62–400)	150 (100–400)	0.436
<b>Postoperative outcomes</b>				
90-day mortality	3 (2.1%)	2 (3%)	1 (1%)	0.559
Reintervention	20 (14.2%)	8 (11%)	12 (17%)	0.179
90-day Clavien–Dindo grade ≥3	23 (16.4%)	10 (14%)	13 (19%)	0.278
Clinically relevant PPH	10 (7.1%)	4 (6%)	6 (9%)	0.275
Clinically relevant POPF	26 (18.6%)	13 (19%)	13 (19%)	0.999
Hospital stay (days), median (i.q.r.)	10 (7–15)	10 (8–16)	9 (7–13)	0.066
Hospital readmission rate	17 (12.1%)	14 (20%)	3 (4%)	0.004
<b>Tumour outcomes</b>				
Tumour size (mm), median (i.q.r.)	27 (16–40)	27 (25–45)	25 (16–40)	0.404
Grade				0.367
G1	65 (46.4%)	31 (44%)	34 (49%)	
G2	69 (49.3%)	36 (51%)	33 (47%)	
G3	2 (0.1%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	
Unknown	4 (0.3%)	2 (3%)	2 (3%)	
R0 resection	132 (94.3%)	64 (91%)	68 (97%)	0.145
Number of analysed lymph nodes, median (i.q.r.)	7 (2–14)	8 (2–13)	7 (1–14)	0.476
Lymph node status				0.168
pN0	85 (60.7%)	41 (59%)	44 (63%)	
pN1–2	33 (23.6%)	19 (27%)	14 (20%)	
pNx	22 (15.7%)	10 (14%)	12 (17%)	

DPS, distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy; W-SPDP, Warshaw spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy; BMI, body mass index; ASA, American Society of Anesthesiologists; POPF, postoperative pancreatic fistula; PPH, postpancreatectomy haemorrhage.

**Lymph nodes**

# Neuroendocrine tumors



After PSM

No. at risk

DPS	68	68	44	23	17	8	5	2	—
W-SPDP	69	64	49	31	19	10	5	2	1

## LAPAROSCOPIC DISTAL PANCREATECTOMY WITH OR WITHOUT SPLEEN PRESERVATION: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SHORT AND LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

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TABLE 1 – Epidemiological characteristics and early results

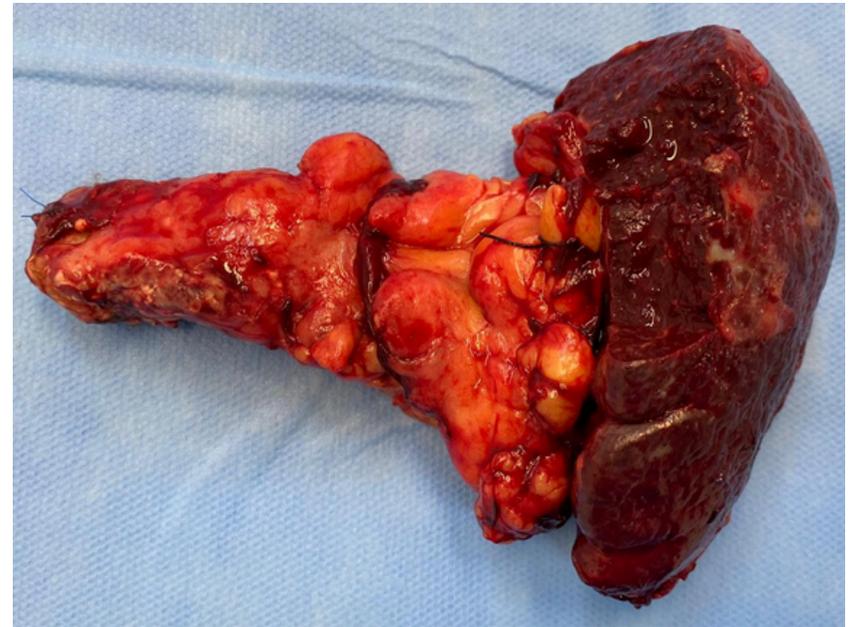
Groups	1 (Splenectomy)	2 (Spleen preservation)	p
n	32	26	0.87
Age*	51.0 years (20 – 78)	47.9 years (21 – 75)	0.43
Gender			
Female	20 (62.5 %)	17 (65.8 %)	0.85
Male	12 (37.5%)	12 (34.6 %)	
BMI*	28.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (18.3 – 38.3)	25.6 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (18 – 38.8)	0.06
Lesion size*	4.9 cm (2 – 12)	4.3 cm (1.8 – 7.5)	0.2
Resected lymph nodes*	7.07 (3-12)	2.72 (1-6)	0.000*
Postoperative complications	7 ( 22 %)	6 (23 %)	0,93
Pancreatic fistula (grades B and C)	4 (12.5%)	3 (10.3%)	0.76

\*=Variables described in means, \*\*\*=spleen excluded

# SPLEEN-PRESERVING DISTAL

Should be avoided :

- in tumours invading the splenic vessels
- suspicious lymph nodes in the splenic hilum





Original Article

PANCREATIC DUCTAL  
ADENOCARCINOMA

## Outcome after spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy by Warshaw technique for pancreatic body cancer

- Tumor was resectable without neoadjuvant therapy
- Located over 5 cm from the splenic hilum
- Not classified as T<sub>4</sub>
  - No invasion of the celiac axis, superior mesenteric artery, and/or the common hepatic artery
  - Not invade adjacent organs (stomach, duodenojejunal junction, splenic colonic flexure, left kidney)

Original Article

# Outcome after spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy by Warshaw technique for pancreatic body cancer

**Table 3.** Postoperative complications

	SPDP group (n = 21)	DPS group (n = 63)	p-value
Overall complications	12 (57.1)	32 (50.8)	0.801 <sup>a)</sup>
Clavien-Dindo classification			0.387 <sup>a)</sup>
I	4 (19.0)	5 (7.9)	
II	7 (33.3)	18 (28.6)	
IIIa	1 (4.8)	9 (14.3)	
Severe morbidity	1 (4.8)	9 (14.3)	0.439 <sup>a)</sup>
Pancreatic fistula, Grade B	8 (38.1)	21 (33.3)	0.792 <sup>a)</sup>
DGE, Grade B	0 (0)	8 (12.7)	0.192 <sup>a)</sup>
Postoperative hemorrhage	0 (0)	1 (1.6)	> 0.999 <sup>a)</sup>
Chyle leakage, Grade A	3 (14.3)	4 (6.3)	0.359 <sup>a)</sup>
Abdominal infection	1 (4.8)	3 (4.8)	> 0.999 <sup>a)</sup>
Ascites	1 (4.8)	3 (4.8)	> 0.999 <sup>a)</sup>
Pulmonary infection	2 (9.5)	1 (1.6)	0.153 <sup>a)</sup>
Incision complications	0 (0)	1 (1.6)	> 0.999 <sup>a)</sup>
Splenic infarction	6 (28.6)	-	
Left-side portal hypertension	2 (9.5)	-	

Values are presented as number (%).

SPDP, spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy; DPS, distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy; DGE, delayed gastric emptying; NA, not available.

<sup>a)</sup>Fisher's exact test.

# CONCLUSION

- Spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy (SPDP) is safe
- SPDP is associated with better short-term outcomes than distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy (DPS)
- Lateral approach
- Stapler-based closure
- Transection of the pancreas at the pancreatic neck
- Kimura vs Warshaw?
- SPDP for PDAC is still under debate

Risk of inadequate oncological clearance

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Thanks!