

## Author's Reply

The Editor,

Sir, thank you for your comments on my article titled, "Three stitch hernioplasty: A novel technique for beginners."

Comment 1: We admit that the duplication of Tables 4 and 5 is an inadvertant technical error.

Comment 2: In Table 7, the remaining 4% of patients had both the component direct and indirect hernia.

Comment 3: Regarding the visual analog scale in Table 6, the table should read (0 - no pain, 1 - mild pain, between 1 and 5 as moderate, between 5 and 9 as severe pain and 10 is very severe pain).

Comment 4: In the results section, the average time of the entire operation was similar to that of Stoppa repair and laparoscopic approach and appeared to be 1 h 30 min.

Comment 5: Antibiotics were used in cases where complications like infection occurred.

Comment 6: The technique of three stitch hernioplasty is to emphasise that minimal stitches are required to fix the mesh in the medial aspect, as it is the most common site of recurrence, and to avoid complications, such as mesh migration, recurrence, tissue handling, and bleeding. Mesh tails were not fixed and were left overlapping around the cord structures.

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