

**OUTCOMES OF ROBOTIC,  
LAPAROSCOPIC AND OPEN  
ABDOMINAL HYSTERECTOMY FOR  
BENING CONDITIONS IN OBESE  
PATIENTS**

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# Introduction (1)

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- Hysterectomy is the most common nonpregnancy-related surgical procedure performed in the USA
- Approximately 80000 hysterectomies are performed each year in the UK, and over 600.000 in the USA
- Rates; Laparotomy : 64%, Vaginal hysterectomy: 22%, and Laparoscopic hysterectomy: 14%

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# Introduction (2)

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- MIS techniques for performing hysterectomy has many advantages over laparotomy such as **reduced patient morbidity, shorten hospital stays, better cosmesis and quicker resumption of regular activity**
- FDA approved the da Vinci<sup>®</sup> Surgical System (Intuitive Surgical, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA) for use in gynecologic procedures **(2005)**
- A robotic system is designed to address many of the limitations of conventional laparoscopy (may provide MIS in more complex cases such as obese, etc.)

*Clairhout F, et al. Best Pract Res Clin Obstet Gynaecol 2005;19:357-375.*

*Rebeles SA, et al. J Robotic Surg 2009;3:141-147.*

*Reynolds RK, et al. Am J Surg 2006;191:555-560.*

# Introduction (3)

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- Overweight and obesity are described as abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that presents a risk to health
- **BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>** is considered obese by the World Health Organization (WHO)



*World Health Organization (WHO) webpage, <http://www.who.int/topics/obesity/en/>  
Kopelman PG. Obesity as a medical problem. Nature 2000;404:635-43.*

# Introduction (4)

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- Today more than 30% of adults are obese and this ratio will be estimated 40% by 2025
- Obesity can affect perioperative outcomes of patients undergoing various surgical procedures like hysterectomy

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# Introduction (5)

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- Limited prospective data about the perioperative outcomes following TAH, TLH and particularly RAH on the obese patients

## **AIM;**

- **To evaluate the peri and intraoperative outcomes of hysterectomy for benign conditions by MIS in obese women**
- **To focus on the surgical and clinical outcomes of RAH in comparison with TLH and TAH in obese women**

# Materials and methods (1)

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- Prospective matched case-control study (between January 2009 and December 2011)
- A total of 75 consecutive patients with a BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> who underwent either RAH (RAH group, n=51) or TLH (TLH group, n=24) performed or supervised by the same surgeon (GSK) were enrolled to this study

# Materials and methods (2)

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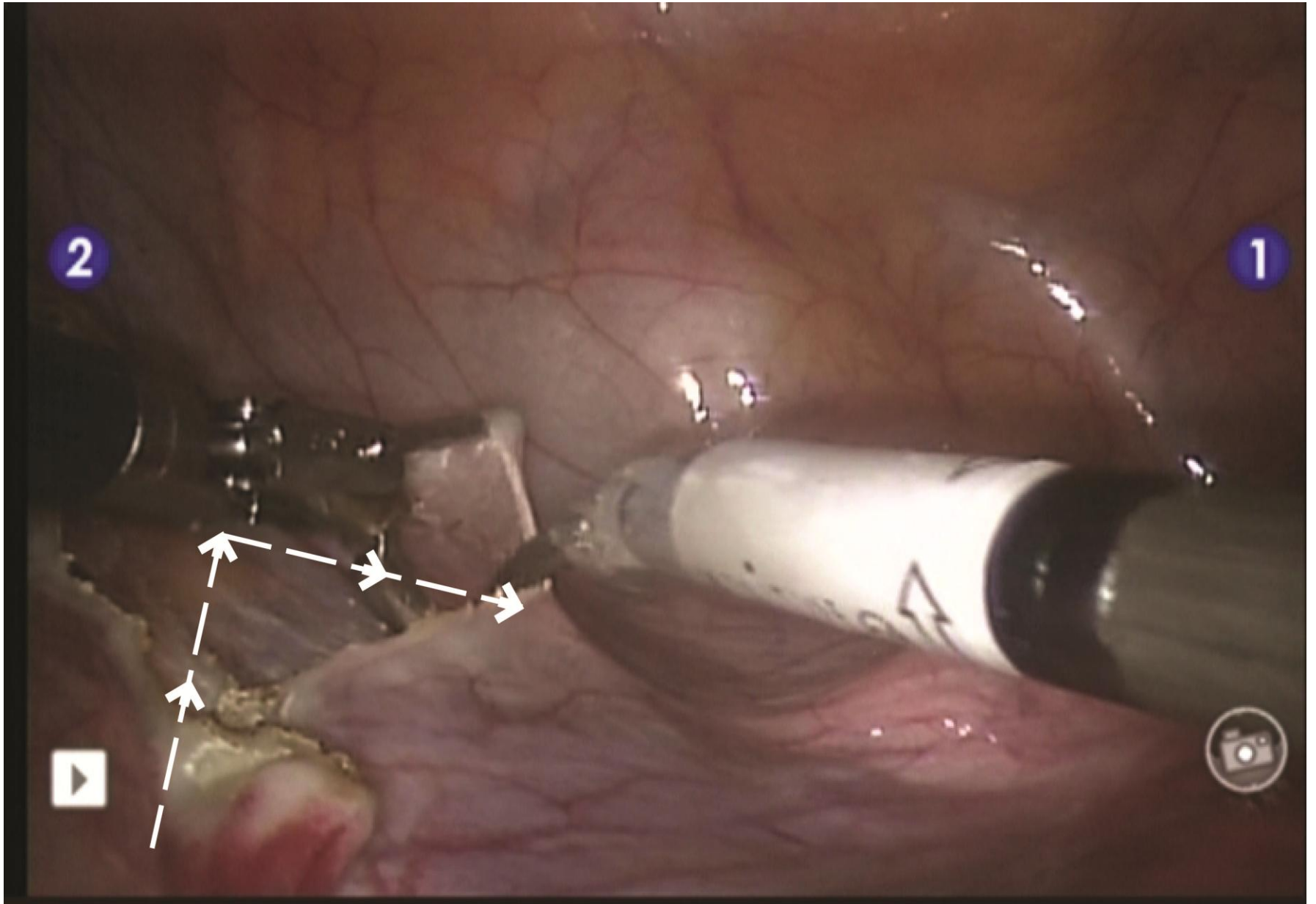
- BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> patients underwent TAH within the same period (TAH group, n=133) from computerized hospital records → Control Group
- Patients' characteristics; age, gravidity, parity, race, smoking habits, history of prior pelvic or abdominal surgery, intercurrent diseases and indications for hysterectomy were recorded

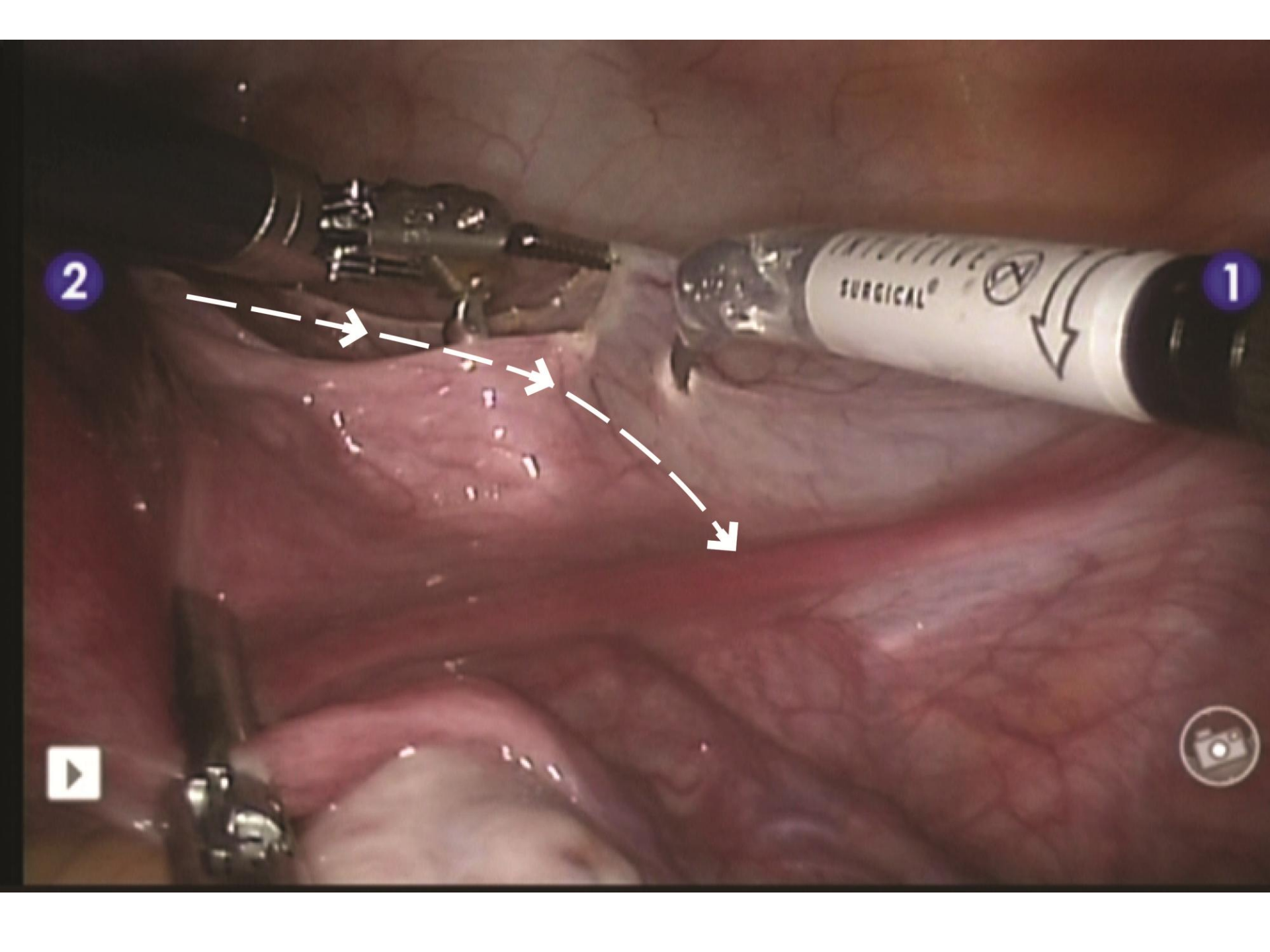


# Materials and methods (3)

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- All operations took place under general anaesthesia with a Foley catheter in the bladder
- MIS cases were placed in the dorsal lithotomy position with Allen stirrups





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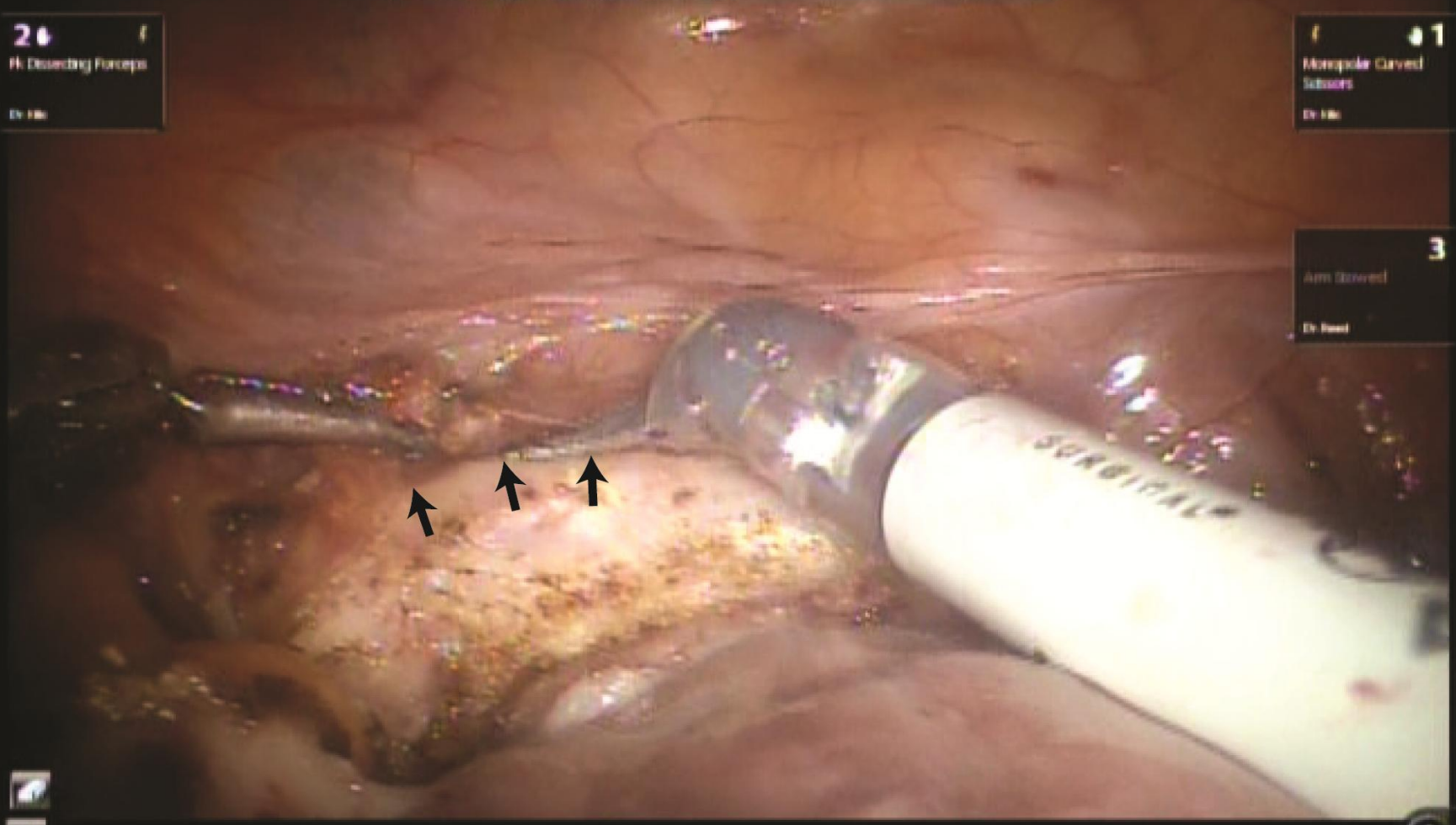
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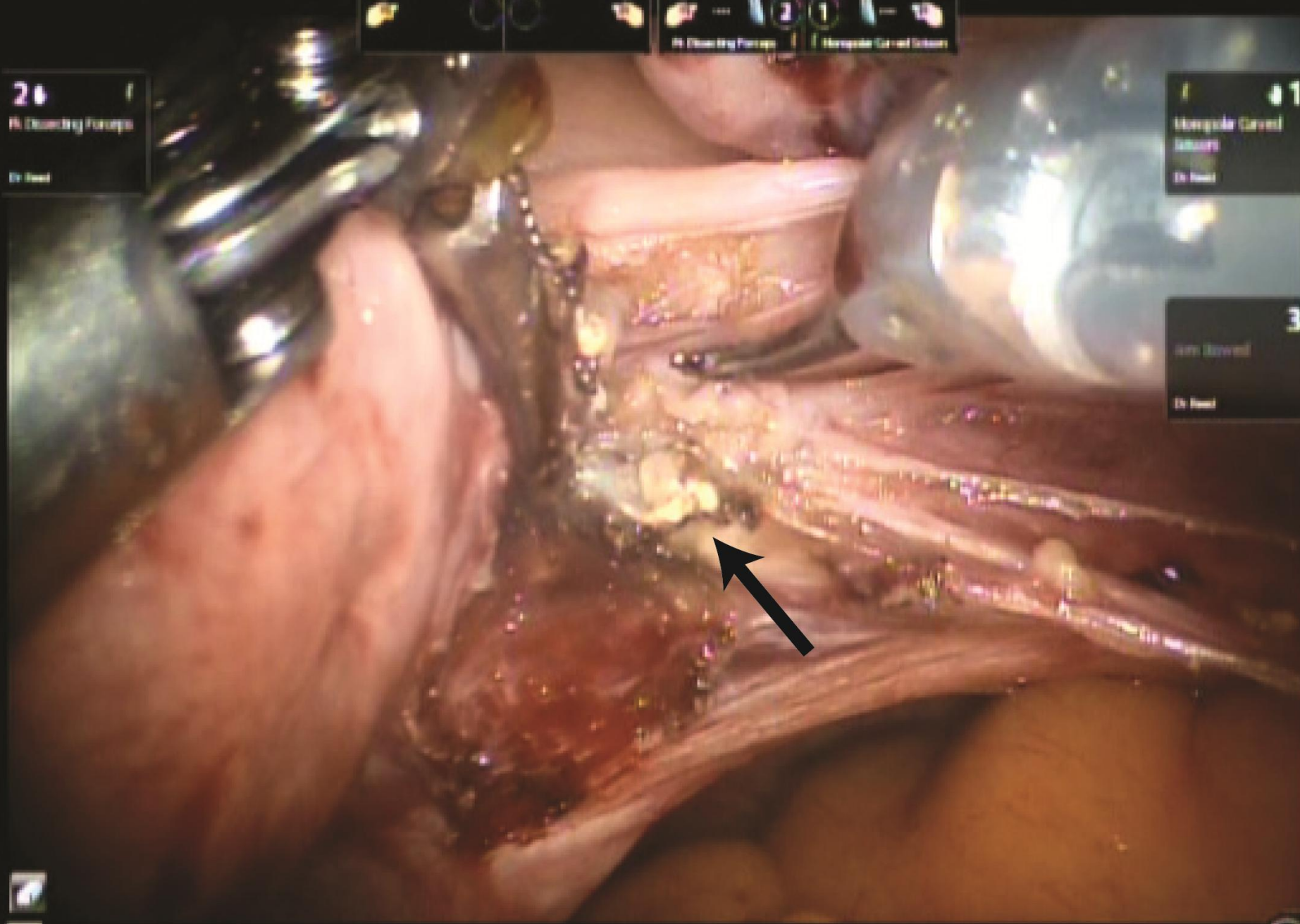
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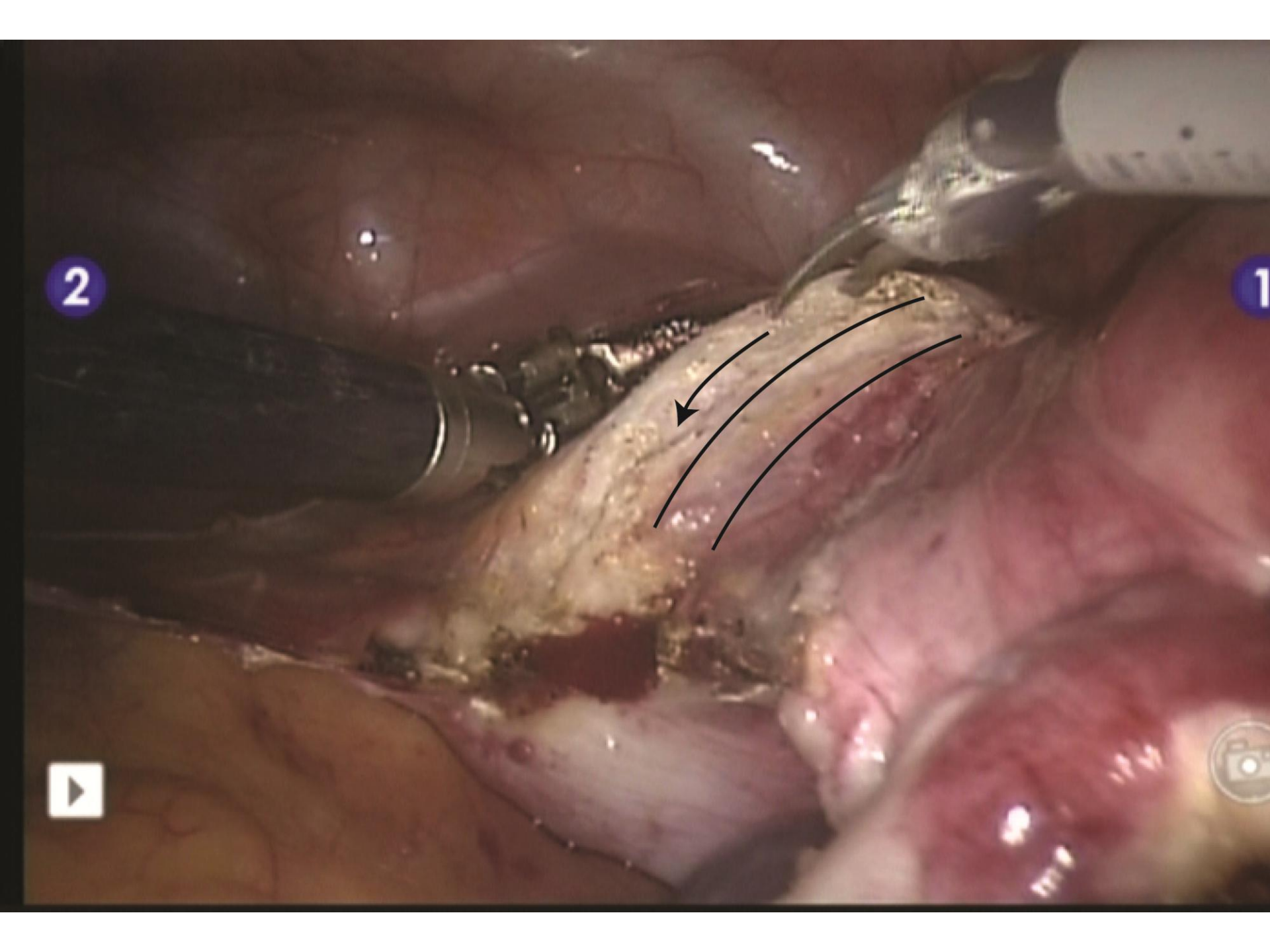


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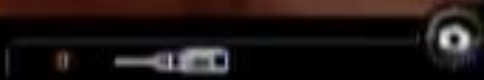
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# Materials and methods (4)

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## Intra and Perioperative characteristics;

- Concomitant procedures with hysterectomy
- Procedure time
- Intraoperative complications
- EBL
- Transfusion requirements
- Conversion to TAH
- Usage of morcellation
- Length of hospital stay
- Postoperative complications ( $\leq 6$  weeks and  $> 6$  weeks)
- Re-admission to the hospital
- Requirement of re-operation
- Uterine weight
- Final pathological results



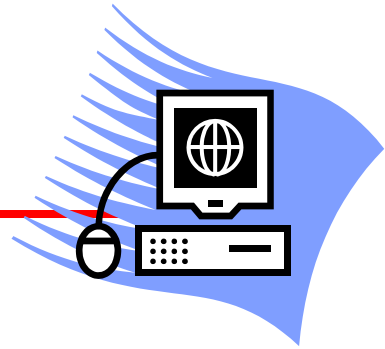
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- All women were re-examined at 2 and 6 weeks after surgery
- The patients' characteristics, intra and perioperative outcomes were compared between each groups (MIS vs Open and each group separately)

# Materials and methods (6)

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## Statistical Analysis

- Data were analyzed using Statistical Analysis Software (SAS), v. 9.2 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA)
- Bivariate analyses, Chi-square and Fisher's exact tests, and ANOVA were used
- $p < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant

# Results (1)

	MIS (n=75)		TAH (n=133)	<i>p</i> values
	RAH (n=51)	TLH (n=24)		
Age (years)	46.94 ±10.34	44.17 ±8.65	44.54 ±8.35	0.2294
Gravidity (n)	2.33 ±1.41	2.92 ±1.47	2.99 ±2.04	0.0938
Parity (n)	1.94 ±1.22	1.92 ±1.10	2.41 ±1.79	0.1257
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	37.50 ±7.56	35.70 ±5.92	36.12 ±4.63	0.2668
Previous abdominopelvic surg (n)	0.49 ±0.92	1.08 ±0.88	1.17 ±1.34	<u>0.0009*</u>
Race [n (%)]				
White (n=69)	22 (43.1)	9 (37.5)	38 (28.6)	0.3580
African American (n=103)	20 (39.2)	12 (50.0)	71 (53.4)	
Hispanic/Amer. Indian (n=36)	9 (17.7)	3 (12.5)	24 (18.1)	

# Results (2)

	MIS (n=75)		TAH (n=133)	<i>p</i> values
	RAH (n=51)	TLH (n=24)		
<b>Smoking habits [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=159)</b>	<b>42 (82.4)</b>	<b>18 (75.0)</b>	<b>99 (74.4)</b>	<b>0.5516</b>
<b>Yes (n=49)</b>	<b>9 (17.7)</b>	<b>6 (25.0)</b>	<b>34 (25.6)</b>	
<b>Intercurrent disease [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No</b>	<b>20 (39.2)</b>	<b>7 (29.2)</b>	<b>42 (31.6)</b>	<b>0.6758</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>31 (60.8)</b>	<b>17 (70.8)</b>	<b>91(68.4)</b>	

# Results (3)

	MIS (n=75)		TAH (n=133)	<i>p</i> values
	RAH (n=51)	TLH (n=24)		
<b>Indications [n (%)]</b>				<b>0.5545</b>
Adnexal mass	4 (7.8)	2 (8.3)	22 (16.54)	
Pelvic pain	5 (9.80)	1 (4.2)	6 (4.5)	
Abnormal uterine bleeding	35 (68.6)	18 (75.0)	90 (67.7)	
Cervical dysplasia	3 (5.9)	3 (12.5)	9 (6.8)	
Uterovaginal Prolapsus	3 (5.9)	0	3 (2.3)	
Others	1 (2.0)	0	3 (2.3)	
<b>Final Pathologic Results [n (%)]</b>				<b>0.0850</b>
Leiomyomata	24 (47.1)	14 (58.3)	84 (63.2)	
Adenomyosis	13 (25.5)	2 (8.3)	14 (10.5)	
Benign adnexal mass	4 (7.8)	2 (8.3)	18 (13.5)	
Malignancy in paraffin bloc	2 (3.9)	0	5 (3.8)	
Cervical dysplasia	1 (2.0)	2 (8.3)	4 (3.0)	
Others	7 (13.7)	4 (16.7)	8 (6.02)	
<b>Uterine weight (gr)</b>	<b>237.04 ±182.64</b>	<b>195.75 ±154.67</b>	<b>547.77 ±796.29</b>	<b>0.0004*</b>

<b>Results (4)</b>	<b>MIS (n=75)</b>		<b>TAH (n=133)</b>	<i>p</i> <b>values</b>
	<b>RAH (n=51)</b>	<b>TLH (n=24)</b>		
<b>Procedure time (min.)</b>	<b>276.96 ±79.32</b>	<b>214.46 ±68.65</b>	<b>184.83 ±65.50</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>EBL (ml)</b>	<b>144.80 ±148.32</b>	<b>221.88 ±254.89</b>	<b>367.86 ±318.06</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Oophorectomy [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=92)</b>	<b>28 (54.9)</b>	<b>14 (58.3)</b>	<b>50 (37.6)</b>	<b>0.1106</b>
<b>Bilateral (n=102)</b>	<b>19 (37.3)</b>	<b>9 (37.5)</b>	<b>74 (55.6)</b>	
<b>Unilateral (n=14I)</b>	<b>4 (7.8)</b>	<b>1 (4.2)</b>	<b>9 (6.8)</b>	
<b>Additional proc.[n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=157)</b>	<b>39 (76.5)</b>	<b>19 (79.2)</b>	<b>99 (74.4)</b>	<b>0.9134</b>
<b>Yes (n=51)</b>	<b>12 (23.5)</b>	<b>5 (20.8)</b>	<b>34 (25.6)</b>	

<b>Results (5)</b>	<b>MIS (n=75)</b>		<b>TAH (n=133)</b>	<i>p</i> <b>values</b>
	<b>RAH (n=51)</b>	<b>TLH (n=24)</b>		
<b>Morcellation [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=194)</b>	<b>40 (78.4)</b>	<b>21 (87.5)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>0.5272</b>
<b>Yes (n=14)</b>	<b>11 (21.6)</b>	<b>3 (12.5)</b>		
<b>Intraop. comp. [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=199)</b>	<b>49 (96.1)</b>	<b>22 (81.7)</b>	<b>128 (96.2)</b>	<b>0.590</b>
<b>Yes (n=9)</b>	<b>2 (3.9)</b>	<b>2 (8.3)</b>	<b>5 (3.8)</b>	
<b>Conversion [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=48)</b>	<b>48 (n=94.1)</b>	<b>22 (91.7)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>0.6525</b>
<b>Yes (n=5)</b>	<b>3 (n=5.9)</b>	<b>2 (8.3)</b>		

# Results (6)

	MIS (n=75)		TAH (n=133)	<i>p</i> values
	RAH (n=51)	TLH (n=24)		
<b>Periop. blood trans. [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=190)</b>	<b>51 (100)</b>	<b>23 (95.8)</b>	<b>116 (87.2)</b>	<b>0.0069*</b>
<b>Yes (n=18)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 (4.2)</b>	<b>17 (12.8)</b>	
<b>Length of hosp. stay (day)</b>	<b>1.43 ±0.73</b>	<b>2.04 ±1.33</b>	<b>3.56 ±2.81</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Postop ≤ 6 w comp [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=192)</b>	<b>48 (94.1)</b>	<b>24 (100)</b>	<b>120 (90.2)</b>	<b>0.2766</b>
<b>Yes (n=16)</b>	<b>3 (5.9)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13 (9.8)</b>	
<b>Postop &gt; 6 w comp [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=195)</b>	<b>49 (96.1)</b>	<b>24 (100)</b>	<b>122 (91.7)</b>	<b>0.3558</b>
<b>Yes (n=13)</b>	<b>2 (3.9)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11 (8.3)</b>	



# Results (7)

	MIS (n=75)		TAH (n=133)	<i>p</i> values
	RAH (n=51)	TLH (n=24)		
<b>Readmission [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=169)</b>	<b>42 (82.4)</b>	<b>20 (83.3)</b>	<b>107 (80.5)</b>	<b>0.9645</b>
<b>Yes (n=39)</b>	<b>9 (17.7)</b>	<b>4 (16.7)</b>	<b>26 (19.6)</b>	
<b>Reoperation [n (%)]</b>				
<b>No (n=199)</b>	<b>49 (96.1)</b>	<b>24 (100)</b>	<b>126 (94.7)</b>	<b>0.7801</b>
<b>Yes (n=9)</b>	<b>2 (3.9)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7 (5.3)</b>	

# Discussion (1)

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- In literature, MIS hysterectomies are usually recommended for obese patients

Osler M, et al. Hum Reprod 2011;26:1512-8.

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Camanni M, et al. J Minim Invasive Gynecol. 2010;17:576-82.

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The studies evaluating RAH in obese patients are limited

Nawfal AK, et al. J Minim Invasive Gynecol 2011;18:328-32.

Geppert B, et al. Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand 2011;90:1210-1217.

# Discussion (2)

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**ABSTRACT** **Study Objective:** To estimate the impact of body mass index (BMI) on the surgical outcomes of patients undergoing robotic-assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy.

**Design:** Retrospective cohort study.

**Setting:** Henry Ford Health System academic medical center (Henry Ford and Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospitals)

**Patients:** A total of 135 patients who underwent scheduled robotic-assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy for benign indications, without concomitant urogynecologic procedures between January 2008 and June 2010.

**Interventions:** Patients underwent robotic-assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy as the intention to treat. Two cases were converted to laparotomy.

**Measurements & Main Results:** Electronic medical records of all patients that underwent robotic-assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy at Henry Ford Health System were reviewed. Data on demographics, BMI ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$ ), estimated blood loss, perioperative hemoglobin change, procedure duration, hospital length of stay, specimen weight, pathology, and postoperative complications were obtained. The women's median age was 45 years (range 30–68), 61.5% were black, and BMI ranged from 14.8–56.2  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$ ; 23.4% of women were normal weight or less (BMI  $<25$ ,  $n = 31$ ), 52.7% of women were obese (BMI  $>30$ ,  $n = 70$ ) and 36 of these patients (27.1%) were morbidly obese (BMI  $\geq 35$ ). BMI did not correlate with procedure duration (Spearman's  $\rho = 0.01$ ,  $P = .98$ ), length of stay (Spearman's  $\rho = 0.01$ ,  $P = .98$ ), estimated blood loss (Spearman's  $\rho = 0.01$ ,  $P = .98$ ), or postoperative complications (Spearman's  $\rho = 0.01$ ,  $P = .98$ ).

**Conclusion:** BMI is not associated with blood loss, duration of surgery, length of stay, or complication rates in patients undergoing robotic-assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy. Robotic assistance may help surgeons overcome adverse outcomes sometimes found in obese patients. *Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology* (2011) 18, 328–332 © 2011 AAGL. All rights reserved.

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## **Discussion (3)**

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**Robot-assisted laparoscopic hysterectomy in obese and morbidly obese women: surgical technique and comparison with open surgery.**

**[Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand 2011;90:1210-1217.](#)**

***Geppert B, Lonnerfors C, Persson J.***

# Discussion (3)

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- Prospective study
- RAH [n=50 (early: 25, late:25)] vs TAH (n=64)
- Late RAH group
  - Less bleeding
  - Fewer complication
  - Longer operating time

**Conclusion:** RAH in a consolidated phase in obese women is associated with shorter hospital stay, less bleeding and fewer complications compared to laparotomy.

# Discussion (4)

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[Arch Gynecol Obstet.](#) 2014 Feb 15. [Epub ahead of print]

**Implementation of robot-assisted gynecologic surgery for patients with low and high BMI in a German gynecological cancer center**

[Kannisto P,](#) [Harter P,](#) [Heitz F,](#) [Traut A,](#) [du Bois A,](#)  
[Kurzeder C.](#)

# Discussion (5)

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## CONCLUSION:

Robotic procedure was feasible and could be implemented for treating the first setting of mixed indications for gynecologic surgery. Robotic surgery may offer particular advantages in obese patients with no conversions and no wound complications.

*Kannisto P, et al. Arch Obstet Gynecol 2014*

# Discussion (6)

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SCIENTIFIC PAPER

## Robotic Hysterectomy Strategies in the Morbidly Obese Patient

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- Prospective study
- 12 morbid obese patient (median BMI, 44.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; BMI range, 40.1–58.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- One conversion
- Discharged within 23 hours (11 patients)
- Operating time → 109.6 min (range, 99–145 minutes).

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# Discussion (7)

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- Although robotic assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy appears to be a safe, minimally invasive alternative for morbidly obese patients requiring a hysterectomy, **large multicenter prospective studies would be useful to standardize surgical techniques in this patient population.**

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# Conclusion

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In spite of a longer procedure time, minimally invasive hysterectomy is feasible, safe, provides shorter hospital stay and less blood loss in obese patient population. In addition, robotic-assisted hysterectomy may be a better choice because of its superiority to TLH in obese population if vaginal hysterectomy cannot be performed

# THANK YOU.....



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