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Late Results and Quality of Life after Rives-Stoppa Repair for Incisional Hernias: A Prospective Clinical Study

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Abstract
Background: the prosthetic repair of incisional hernias drastically reduced the incidence of recurrence, but increased the associated morbidity. We report a consecutive series of patients with incisional hernias operated by Rives – Stoppa procedure. The aim is to identify the early and late complications associated with the procedure.
Material and methods: 275 patients admitted and operated on between 2002-2006 were prospectively evaluated by direct examination and questionnaire.
Results: 171 responded in 2007 and 148 in 2009; direct examination was obtained 143 and 118 patients respectively. Recurrence rate 6.7%. Good and very good comfort rates in 58%.
Conclusions: similar results with the expert centre
Key words: retromuscular prosthesis, postoperative complications, quality of life

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