

LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS

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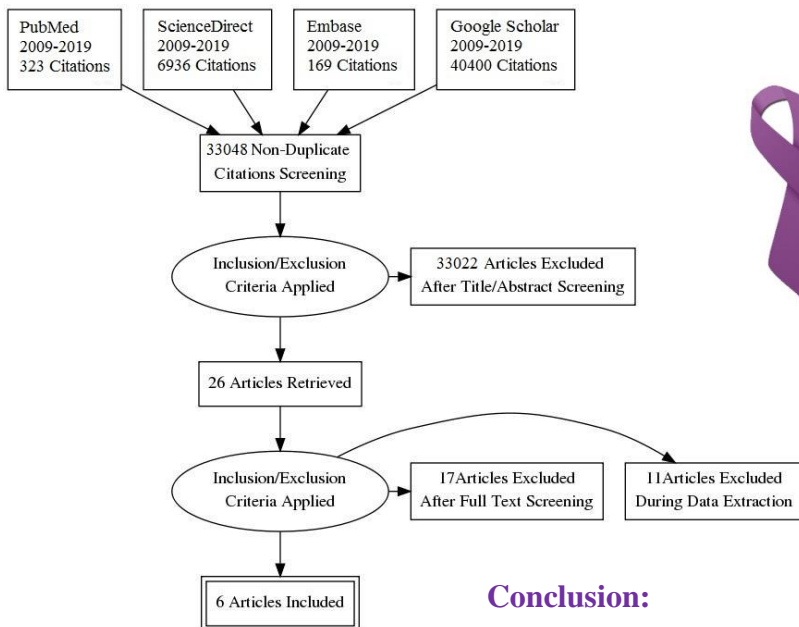
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Aims:

Laparoscopic surgery might be advantageous for Cystic fibrosis (CF) patients because it carries less complications compared to open surgery. However, it might be of concerns due to the pulmonary and cardiovascular complications in CF patients. We aimed to systematically review the use of laparoscopic surgery in CF patients.

Methods:

A systematic review was performed in compliance with PRISMA guidelines. A literature search using PubMed/Medline, ScienceDirect, Embase and Google Scholar, was performed using the search terms “cystic fibrosis and laparoscopic surgery”. Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) criteria were applied. The protocol was registered with the PROSPERO register.



Results:

Six studies met the premeditated inclusion criteria, two studies satisfied high and four citations completed moderate quality scores out of max. 30 scores. The interrater correlation was convincing ($r_s = .95$, $p = .02$, 2-tailed). Thus, three quantitative and three qualitative citations were assessed and evidence-graded in agreement with GRADE four-level evidence-grading protocol.

Conclusion:

The benefits of laparoscopic surgical interventions for patients with CF were supported with strong evidential value and were recognized as a safe and suitable surgical option.

Key statement:

Laparoscopic surgery can be safe in patients with CF, in case the patients are preoperatively prepared by the treating cardiologist and anesthetist.