Effects of the use of fibrin glue around the colonic anastomosis of the

rat.

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Abstract:

BACKGROUND: This study was aimed at examining whether the addition of fibrin glue to a sutured

colonic anastomosis improves its healing or not.

METHODS: We studied the effect of adding fibrin glue on a sutured colonic anastomosis. Thirty-six

Wistar rats were randomized into two groups of 18 rats each. A sutured anastomosis was performed

in all rats. Fibrin glue was applied around the anastomosis of the rats of group B. Rats were

sacrificed on the eighth postoperative day.

RESULTS: The rate of anastomotic leakage was found not to be significantly different between the

two groups. The mean bursting pressure of the colonic anastomoses was significantly higher in

group B (fibrin-treated) than in group A.

CONCLUSION: Fibrin glue application around a sutured anastomosis provides a safer anastomosis

which is stronger than the sutured one.