Supplementary Table 1. Demographics of rectal cancer patients

Variable	Total	LARS[a]			P-value
		No	Minor	Major	
No. of patients	76	41	10	25	
Sex					
Male	42 (55.3)	24 (58.5)	6 (60.0)	12 (48.0)	0.670[b]
Female	34 (44.7)	17 (41.5)	4 (40.0)	13 (52.0)	
Ethnicity					
Malay	71 (93.4)	39 (95.1)	9 (90.0)	23 (92.0)	0.111[c]
Chinese	4 (5.3)	2 (4.9)	0 (0)	2 (8.0)	
Siamese	1 (1.3)	0 (0)	1 (10.0)	0 (0)	
Age at surgery (yr)	60.9 ± 10.25	61.3 ± 9.44	65.7 ± 9.39	58.2 ± 11.36	0.132[d]
18–59	33 (43.4)	18 (43.9)	3 (30.0)	12 (48.0)	0.622[b]
≥60	43 (56.6)	23 (56.1)	7 (70.0)	13 (52.0)	

Values are presented as number only, number (%), or mean±standard deviation.

LARS, low anterior resection syndrome.

[a]Patients with a LARS score of 0–20, 21–29, and 30–42 were regarded as having no LARS, minor LARS, and major LARS, respectively. [b]Pearson chi-square test. [c]Fisher exact test. [d]One-way analysis of variance test.