

Items	Short description of the items	Remarks
1	Site of incision an upper midline scalpel incision of the skin along the axis of the linea alba	No Modification
2	Extent of incision xiphoid process to syphysis pubis encircling the umbilicus	No Modification
3	Procedure of reflection of the muscle flaps to enter the abdominal cavity	Modification was made to include the incision of medial part of internal oblique muscle for better exposure
4	Procedure of removal of sub-diaphragmatic organs	No Modification
5	Procedure of removal of other intra- abdominal organ	Sequential opening of solid viscera followed by hollow viscera was modified by the opening of hollow viscera followed by solid viscera. The idea behind this was that the viscera is to be opened in the sequence of food digestion → metabolism → elimination
6	Procedure of collection of body fluids	No Modification
7	Procedure of removal of diaphragm	No Modification
8	Procedure of dissection of the intra thoracic organs	Removal of heart followed by lungs was modified by removal of lungs followed by heart. The idea behind the modification was that pathological changes occurring in the primary organ are to be dissected first.
9	Closer of the abdominal muscle layer	No Modification
10	Closer of the skin	Single layer closer was converted to two layer suture in reverse order to ensure zero leakage.

Supplemental Table 2 - Details of the modifications done following the recommendation of the expert group in final round