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<b>Article</b>	A prospective randomized comparison of cold versus hot snare polypectomy in the occurrence of postpolypectomy bleeding in small colonic polyps
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<b>Purpose</b>	Compare cold snare and hot snare polypectomy techniques of polyps 3-8mm in size and postpolypectomy bleeding complications
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randomized trial of 414 patients with colorectal polyps 3-8mm in size</li> <li>• Postpolypectomy bleed rates measured at three intervals: “intraprocedural” bleeding lasting 1 minute or more during the procedure, “early” bleeding within 24 hours of the procedure, and “late” bleeding 24 hours up to 30 days post-procedure</li> <li>• Intraprocedural bleeding was more common with cold snare polypectomy, but did not require extraneous intervention and stopped on its own</li> <li>• No instances of early or late bleeding recorded with either technique</li> <li>• Procedure time was significantly shorter with the cold snare technique</li> <li>• Retrieval rates of polyps were identical with both techniques</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusions</b>	There is no difference in the rate of postpolypectomy bleeding with either the cold snare or hot snare technique for the resection of diminutive polyps 3-8mm in size. However, cold snare polypectomy is safe, effective and less time consuming than hot snare polypectomy.
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