## **Supplement**

Table S1. Summary of univariate and multivariate regression analyses examining the linear association between temporary abdominal closure (TAC) method and outcomes.

	Estimate	Standard. Error	t value	p-value				
Univariate model-Association between type of TAC and LOS								
(Intercept) ABTHERATM	26.13	2.12	12.35	< 0.001				
Whipstitch	-7.22	3.34	-2.16	0.032				
Multivariate model-Association between type of TAC and LOS								
(Intercept) ABTHERATM	-0.81	3.34	-0.24	0.807				
Whipstitch	-4.00	2.31	-1.73	0.086				
ISS	0.36	0.09	3.96	< 0.001				
Duration of TAC placement	0.03	0.01	3.84	< 0.001				
Number of Laparotomies	3.37	0.55	6.12	< 0.001				
Univariate model-Association between type of TAC and ICU LOS								
(Intercept) ABTHERATM	17.58	1.73	10.18	< 0.001				
Whipstitch	-5.49	2.73	-2.01	0.047				
Multivariate model-Association between type of TAC and ICU LOS								
(Intercept) ABTHERATM	-5.85	2.74	-2.14	0.035				
Whipstitch	-3.09	1.89	-1.63	0.105				
ISS	0.29	0.08	3.80	< 0.001				
Duration of TAC placement	0.02	0.01	3.32	0.001				
Number of Laparotomies	3.28	0.45	7.26	< 0.001				

LOS-Length of stay

Table S2. Patient Demographic Characteristics.

Characteristic	ABTHERATM n	Whipstitch	Both Procedures n=	p-value
	= 57 (Mean ±	Closure n = 29	26 (Mean ± SD)	
	SD)	(Mean ± SD)		
Age	38.5 ± 17.7	38.3 ± 19.9	45.0 ±17.8	0.278
Sex (male) n (%)	46 (82.1)	24 (82.8)	21 (80.8)	0.987
BMI	$30.4 \pm 7.6$	29.5 ± 6.7	$30.6 \pm 5.3$	0.791
ISS	26.6 ± 11.8	$24.2 \pm 9.8$	29.24 ± 13.7	0.293
ASA	$3.8 \pm 1.0$	$3.7 \pm 1.0$	$3.9 \pm 1.0$	0.893
Duration of TAC	84.9 (251.5) <sup>a</sup>	25.8 (20.6) <sup>b</sup>	105.7 (357.1) <sup>a</sup>	0.026
placement (hours)				
‡				
Number of	3.0 (3.0) <sup>a</sup>	2.0 (0.0) <sup>b</sup>	4.5 (4.0) <sup>c</sup>	<0.001
Laparotomies‡				

Values with different superscripts in a row are significantly different using post-hoc comparisons with Holm-Bonferroni correction; ‡ Comparisons done using Kruskal Wallis test, summarized as median ± Interquartile range (IQR)

Table S3. Patient Outcomes.

Outcome	ABTHERA <sup>TM</sup> n =	Whipstitch	<b>Both Procedures</b>	p-value
	57	Closure n = 29	n = 26	
Length of stay‡	19 (20.3) <sup>a</sup>	9 (10) <sup>b</sup>	22.5 (18.5) <sup>a</sup>	<0.001
ICU LOS‡	12 (16.0) <sup>a</sup>	5 (5.0) <sup>b</sup>	17 (17.0) <sup>a</sup>	<0.001
Ventilator days‡	6 (14) <sup>ab</sup>	3 (4.5) <sup>a</sup>	10 (11.3) <sup>b</sup>	<0.001
Duration for definitive	8 (16.0)	1.0 (1.0)	17 (24.0)	<0.001
closure (days) ‡				
Mortality	13 (23.2)	10 (34.4)	5 (19.2)	0.380
Complications n (%)				
Bleeding	16 (28.5)	8 (27.6)	10 (38.5)	0.610
Evisceration	4 (7.1)	0 (0)	3 (1.1)	0.229
Wound dehiscence	5 (8.9)	0 (0)	5 (19.2)	0.040
Reoperations	5 (9.1)	1 (3.4)	2 (7.7)	0.801

LOS: Length of stay; Values with different superscripts in a row are significantly different using post-hoc comparisons with Holm-Bonferroni correction; ‡ Comparisons done using Kruskal Wallis test, summarized as median ± Interquartile range (IQR)