

Supplementary

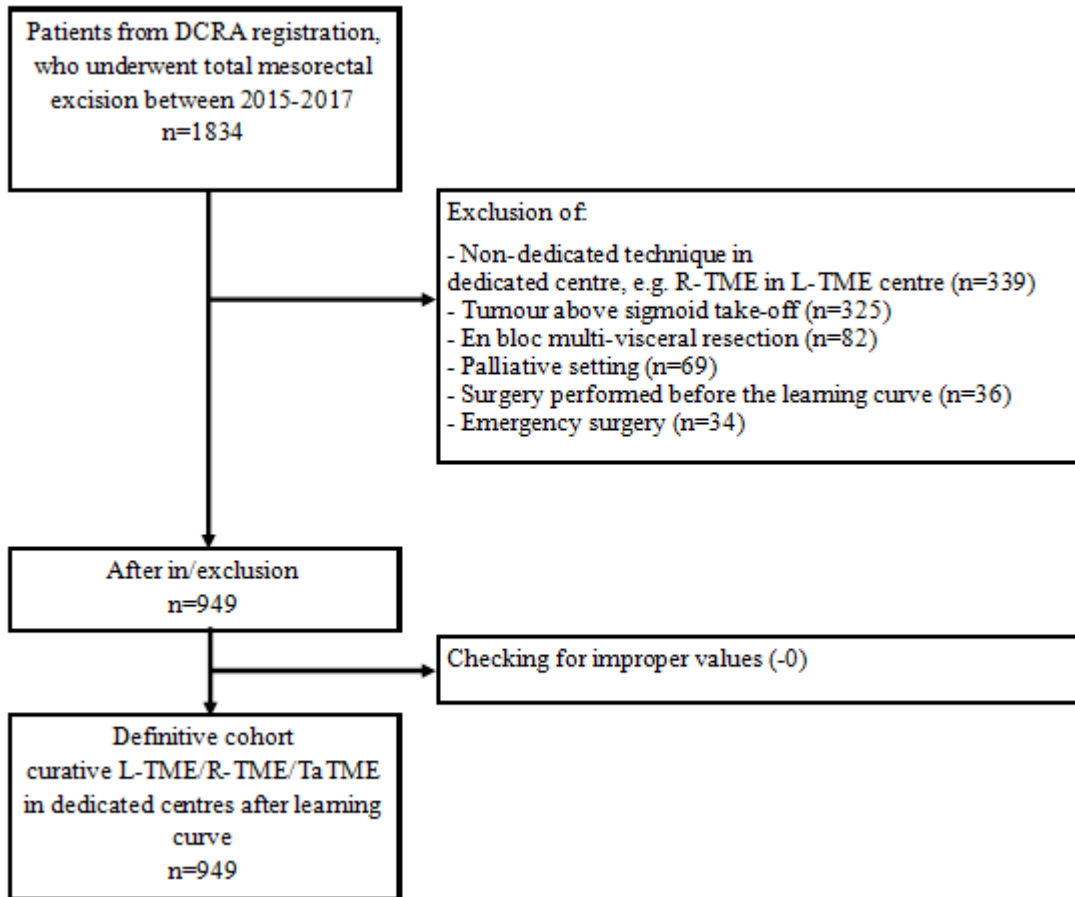


Figure 1 :Flowchart in- and exclusion criteria. Abbreviations: DCRA: Dutch Colorectal Audit, L-TME: laparoscopic total mesorectal excision, n: number of patients, R-TME: robot-assisted total mesorectal excision, TaTME: transanal total mesorectal excision