

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

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Title: The Introduction of New Techniques & Technologies in Surgery. Where is taTME today?

Reviewer's code: 04089095

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Academic degree: PhD

Professional title: Professor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: China

Author's Country/Territory: Canada

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review article focuses on whether taTME should be properly applied in clinical. Through the summary and analysis of several articles, the conclusion that can be part of a rectal cancer surgeon's armamentarium is drawn. However, it requires further rigorous study and evaluation.

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

As a technology, taTME has little practical significance, and increases the difficulty of operation and the risk of infection, so the value of this article is not great.

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Reviewer's Country/Territory: Turkey

Author's Country/Territory: Canada

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It's beautifully written. I think it will contribute to the literature.

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Reviewer's Country/Territory: Japan

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Scientific quality	[<input checked="" type="radio"/>] Grade A: Excellent [<input type="radio"/>] Grade B: Very good [<input type="radio"/>] Grade C: Good [<input type="radio"/>] Grade D: Fair [<input type="radio"/>] Grade E: Do not publish
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Conclusion	[<input checked="" type="radio"/>] Accept (High priority) [<input type="radio"/>] Accept (General priority) [<input type="radio"/>] Minor revision [<input type="radio"/>] Major revision [<input type="radio"/>] Rejection
Re-review	[<input type="radio"/>] Yes [<input type="radio"/>] No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a great paper that you reasonably interpreted the miserable local control data for taTME published from Norwegian group. I think this paper should be published earlier.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very interesting opinion review focusing transanal TME for rectal cancer resection. The manuscript is well-written and concise. Although I found it to be complete, I would add a brief commentary focusing the future application of robotic technology to TaTME (current status, presumable benefits, early reports...).