

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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| 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 |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments: Thank you for the opportunity to review this timely article on an important topic for surgical specialty's, especially in the COVID-19 pandemic times, bringing as an experience a resource-poor health care facilities in the Caribbean. This paper discusses the surgical specialty's response in order to identify positive changes that may continue post-pandemic. I recommend that in the abstract the authors replace "discursive paper" for "In this experience report, we examined"

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1 Title. The title does not reflect the essence of the article. The article is called "Robot Surgery and Digital Responses to Disrupted Operative Care during the COVID Pandemic at a Caribbean Hospital", but little has been written about robotic surgery, more has been written about the functioning of an outpatient clinic and emergency surgery. 2 Abstract. The summary is only about the problems associated with the pandemic, but it does not talk about robotic surgery. The abstract doesn't reflect the work described in the manuscript 3 Key words. The key words reflect the focus of the title of paper. 4 Background. The background section describes the situation during the pandemic in the Caribbean healthcare system, however it doesn't describe present status and significance of the study. 5 Methods. Manuscript doesn't describe methods in details 6 Results. No results in the manuscript. 7 Discussion. The manuscript doesn't interpret the findings adequately and appropriately. Key points are absent. There is no analysis of the using of the robotic surgery. 8 Illustrations and tables. the figures sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents. 9 Biostatistics. no biostatistics in manuscript. 10 Units. Not necessary to use SI units. 11 References. Particular attention should be paid to the fact that author over used self-citing. The list of references contains 17 sources, 11 of which are self-citing 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. The style, language and grammar are accurate and appropriate. 13 Research methods and reporting. The author didn't prepare the manuscript according to the appropriate research methods and reporting. 14 Ethics statements. No ethical violations The review is missing an aim. The functioning of one hospital during the pandemic is described and there is no



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This review by authors was conducted to elucidate the role of robot surgery and digital responses to disrupted operative care during the covid pandemic. From the evidence-based medicine viewpoint, it contains valuable concepts about the clinical science. However, a literature search was performed such as using PubMed, EMBASE and Cochrane Library Central database are suggested to describe. In addition, some references are also needed to update. Totally, I would like to congratulate the authors for the enthusiasm invested in this study.