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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors evaluated the suitability of robotic and transanal surgery in the peri-COVID-19. This manuscript can help for centers that perform these surgical procedures.

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Although slightly out of date but the idea of manuscript seems innovative and relevant. It feels like authors are trying to convey the novel ideas, but are blending them with ESCP recommendations too much. It would be great if the authors would acknowledge the limitations / draw backs of the robotics and transanal and minimally invasive surgeries. Also if they can add the knowledge / experience of the outcomes with respect to these techniques during ongoing covid pandemic. Incorporating a brief discussion regarding categorisation / case selection for the same will also be appreciated.