

## Comments to the original manuscript (Manuscript NO:26408)

Reviewers' comments are quoted "verbatim" → followed by our response.

" Comments To Authors:

### **Reviewed by 02445426**

*This is a good review on the risk factors for anastomotic leakage after laparoscopic low anterior resection. One important discussion lacking in the article is the association between mechanical bowel preparation and incidence/severity of leakage although the authors discussed concisely on oral antibiotics. It would be better to include recent evidences on it. "*

→ We thank the Reviewer for the positive comment. As requested by the Reviewer, we have added the description of mechanical bowel preparation (MBP) (page 8, line 18 – page 9, line 3) and nine references (reference # 58 – 66) in the revised manuscript.

### **Reviewed by 00009760**

*" It would be helpful if the size of effect of risk factors were quantitated. "*

→ We thank the Reviewer for the positive comment. In this review paper, we review the current literature and discuss the risk factors for AL after laparoscopic LAR. There are too many papers investigating the risk factors of AL. Considering the multifactorial etiology of AL, I suppose that it is impossible to quantitate the size of effect of each risk factor at this time. Please consider this situation.

[End of the Rebuttal]