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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting study of the therapeutic effects of the TST36 stapler on rectocele combined with internal rectal prolapse. Outlet obstructive constipation is more common[1] and seriously affects the quality of life of patients. The most common causes of Outlet obstructive constipation are rectocele and internal rectal prolapse. Internal rectal prolapse refers to a functional disease in which the rectal mucosa invades the rectal cavity during defecation. Sometimes it can be full-thickness intussusception, but the prolapsed part does not extend beyond the outer edge of the anus. The surgical methods used for this disorder are diverse and difficult, and postoperative complications and recurrence rate are high, which results in significant physical and mental pain in patients. In this study, the TST36STARR+ stapler was used to treat patients with RC and IRP, and its effect was analyzed in terms of morphology and function after surgery to comprehensively evaluate the clinical efficacy of this new technology. Overall, this study is very well designed, and the manuscript is very well written. After a minor revision, it can be accepted for publication. (1) The manuscript requires a minor editing. (2) The figures and tables are informative, however, the tables require an editing. (3) Are there any follow up data? If so, would you like to add and discuss it?