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This is the largest study of anal fistulas reported to date. One thousand three hundred fifty-one fistula procedures were performed in 1250 patients over 14 years at an exclusive fistula-care center. An exact algorithm was followed- fistulotomy was done for simple fistulas, and a novel sphincter-sparing procedure, TROPIS, was performed for high complex fistulas. It is really a massive work. Here are some questions: 1. The study contains anal fistula plug, PERFECT and TROPIS surgery. I did not find out the records of the patient's symptoms at the same time, such as 6 months after surgery, 12 months... Please provide the cure rate between each group at the same time point after surgery... 2. When facing a patient who failed in PERFECT or TROPIS, Will they undergo a second operation by using the same surgical method or TROPIS? How to choose? 3. Incontinence is an unavoidable problem of high complex anal fistula. We hope to see dynamic changes in the evaluation of incontinence, which is very important for the satisfaction and evaluation of postoperative anal fistula. 4. TROPIS surgery will cut a large area of mucosa, and the depth of incision is deeper. What are the incidence of postoperative complications, such as bleeding and anal stenosis?

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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