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Editor-in-Chief

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Dear editorial team and reviewers,

The authors would first like to thank the reviewers and the editorial team for their encouraging words and constructive comments. We have addressed the points raised as follows:

**Reviewer 1:**

Comment 1: The minireview is interesting and highlights the safety and feasibility of RACS in elderly patients in CRC. There are minor grammatical suggestions highlighted in the text and attached for correction. The article can be published in the journal.

[Reply:](#)

[We thank the reviewer for the advice. We have made the necessary amendments.](#)

Comment 2: Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate should be signed by the authors.

[Reply:](#)

[We thank the reviewer for the advice. We have signed the certificate.](#)

**Reviewer 2:**

Comment 1: The authors took a good initiative; however, there should be rationale statement regarding the topic. In my opinion a description of percentage of elderly need surgical intervention for CRC should also be mentioned.

[Reply:](#)

We thank the reviewer for the advice. The percentage of elderly diagnosed with colorectal cancer has been added to the manuscript based on data from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) database.

Comment 2: The title needs modifications. if authors wish to provide an overview of evidence for robotic colorectal surgery in elderly patients, that should be reflected from the topic.

Reply:

We thank the reviewer for the advice. The title has been amended as suggested to:  
Robotic surgery in elderly patients with colorectal cancer: review of the current literature

Comment 3: A clear objective should also be there. A small subsection / running material on methodology adopted for writing the review would give a better understanding.

Reply:

We thank the reviewer for the advice. The introduction has been amended to include a short paragraph on why there is a paucity of data on robotic colorectal surgery in the elderly and what this review seeks to examine. We have also included the search methodology as suggested.

#### **Company editor-in-chief:**

Comment: Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA). RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision.

Reply:

We thank the editor for the advice. The reference citation analysis tool was used in the literature review.

We have made the necessary changes as per recommended by the reviewers and editorial team. Thank you for considering this manuscript and we look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teo Nan Zun', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Teo Nan Zun

On behalf of all authors.