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Good work, interesting reading

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The authors aimed to investigate the effects of fascia- and vascular-oriented LLND in rectal cancer patients in regard to the short-term outcomes and prognosis and conducted a retrospective cohort study on data from 196 patients with rectal cancer who received total mesorectal excision and LLND from July 2014 to August 2021. They concluded that it is safe and feasible to perform fascia-oriented LLND in recognized high-volume centers and that compared with vessel-oriented LLND, fascia-oriented LLND provided more examined LLNs and may better protect postoperative urinary function and male sexual function. Although this is a well-written article, this was a retrospective study with a small sample size. Therefore, to verify the conclusions drawn in this study, prospective studies with more patients enrolled will be needed in the future.