



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Robotic Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision: Is the future now?

Reviewer's code: 00009776

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Academic degree: MD, PhD

Professional title: Chief Doctor, Director, Professor, Senior Scientist, Surgeon

Reviewer's Country/Territory: China

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| Language quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection |
| Conclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection |
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Page 4, 2nd paragraph: "During the last ?years, and due to the continuous improvement in the platforms, robotics gained popularity with promising expectancies. " I wonder if the word "last" is proper? 2. I think you had better put The "Hybrid taTME " part in TECHNIQUE BACKGROUND. 3. Table 1: I believe the last reference (Dr. Ye), they should have used STARport as their transanal interface device.



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Comments for WJGS 64270 The review entitled “Robotic Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision: Is the future now?” write by Juan Carlos Sebastián-Tomás et al, want to discuss the current status of robotic TaTME (R-TaTME), including technical aspects, short- and long-term outcomes, as well as the foreseeable future marked by the improvements on robotic platforms and real-time navigation. Despite the concepts might be interesting there are some points which need clarification. Minor points. 1. Please develop the concept cost, learning and benefit 2. Please study in deep intraoperative complications 3. Please develop the concept of staging indications 4. The authors should modify Introduction, very long and Discussion/Conclusion, very short



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1.thank you very much for your invitation, this technology is very novel. 2.the manuscript describe the background, present significance of the study. 3.the discussion discuss the manuscript's scientific significance. 4.the figures and tables are sufficient and appropriately illustrative of the manuscript contents. 5.languague polish may be useful for improving the quality of the manuscript.



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The author reviewed 'the Robotic Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision: Is the future now?' and gave an overview to the field of using Da Vinci in transanal surgery especially on the pros and cons of this procedure. There are still some problems need to be clarified. 1. The experience of Tame and Robotic surgery for rectal cancer are limited, combination of these two technique now have even less support evidence, till now there's only a small group of patient underwent these kind of operation and without long term follow up, please give some more advice for the surgeon who want to start this technique. 2. There is little information about the patient who chosen for the surgery, please some detail information about the tumor of the patient, such as the size of the tumor, the distance from the anal verge.



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The responses to reviewer comments are enough.



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