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In my opinion this manuscript provides an interesting piece of information, treated with great honesty by someone with great experience in the field. 1. References are a bit outdated. 2. References 17, 20, 23 and 24 are repeated 3. Methods are not clearly exposed in the abstract. 4. Could the differences observed have any impact in the choice of the surgical technique? In other words, can the increases increase of the accuracy benefice this patients?. 5. A comment about the automated computer analysis of the 3D images could be interesting

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the paper offers an interesting comparison of the diagnostic yield of 2D-EAUS vs 3D-EAUS for perianal fistulas. The gold standard in the present study are intraoperative findings, although other groups think that MRI can demonstrate perianal fistulas missed by the surgeon. Unfortunately a comparison with MRI is not available, nor a post-surgical follow-up. The Authors are aware of these and other limitations and this is discussed.