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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the manuscript, the author evaluated the short-term outcomes of patients who underwent minimally invasive LPND during rectal cancer surgery. It's convincing that minimal invasive techniques for LPND are safe, feasible and able to achieve adequate nodal clearance though the cases were limited. It would be better to show some imaging of positive lateral nodes if possible. And about surgical techniques, whether diverting stoma was performed in cases of low anterior resection?

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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