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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Buchs et al provided an excellent review about Transanal total mesorectal excision (TaTME), an endoscopic non invasive technique proposed for rectal cancers. The only aspect that Authors should better focus on is the local invasion of the cancer. It is well known that locally invasive cancers or rectal cancers invading the sub-mucosa may have a relevant dissemination rate, thus discouraging the use of endoscopic resection, such as TaTME. Therefore, a paragraph analyzing radical surgery, recurrence rates and indications to TaTME in relation to T stage is needed.