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To the authors,

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This review article entitled "Dealing with robot-assisted surgery for rectal cancer: current status and perspectives." (Manuscript Number: 21032) reviews the current data on clinical and oncologic outcomes of robot-assisted surgery in rectal cancer, focusing on short and long-term results, and providing original data from the authors' centre. Minimally invasive surgery for rectal cancer is now widely performed via the laparoscopic approach. But further studies are necessary to establish the role of robotic surgery in rectal operations. This review article summarizes the current evidence for the adoption of robotic TME for rectal cancer with supporting data from the literature. It is a comprehensive review of the related literature, well-written and presented. Minor points: 1-The authors must review the references according to the guide for authors. 2-The authors should describe anatomic structures for resident and student readers in the figures (Figures 6 and 7). They may show with arrows.