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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a good narrative review, but could have been methodologically stronger had a true systematic review been performed. The authors have highlighted many of the main controversies regarding indications, functional outcome, mesh type etc, but could have strengthened this section by alluding to the source of the concerns regarding mesh erosion, namely the FDA warnings on transvaginal mesh placement in 2011. There are other recent updated reviews that may be worth acknowledging, particularly with regards to the synthetic vs biologic debate (See Alam N et al Front Surg 2015). There are also other RCTs ongoing that should be mentioned, most notably the UK NIHR HTA funded CapaCITY 3 trial (<https://ukctg.nihr.ac.uk/trials/trial-details/trial-details?trialNumber=ISRCTN11747152>)



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I read with interest your paper and I can state that it allows to expand the understanding knowledge in this controversial field. I think that some key-points should be elucidated: 1)the readers of your article will be on the one hand a useful update on the advantages and disadvantages of one approach over the other but on the other hand are not able to easily figure out how choose for instance an abdominal approach compared to a transanal. To this it has been published an article by Festen et al(Controversy of symptomatic internal rectal prolapse: suspension or resection . Surg End , 2011; 25: 2000-2003). In this review it has been emphasized the role of an accurate workup in choosing the correct surgical approach.Thus, it should be noted that so far published studies do not always take into account this selection bias that obviously influence outcome. Also it must be said that many surgeons are often only a procedure (or abdominal or transanal route), irrespective of the clinical assessment. 2) The use of the robot is an alternative method to the laparoscopic approach. The authors should stress that the studies observed in the review does not offer a benefit greater than that; moreover, the costs are higher than laparoscopic. Overall, the use of Robot must take into account



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Current status of laparoscopic and robotic ventral mesh rectopexy for external and internal rectal prolapse Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing this paper This is a comprehensive review of the literature related to Ventral Rectopexy I have very few comments A description of the procedure should be considered Although the review does not aim at comparing the two techniques there is no intraoperative data. There are many abbreviations consider a table