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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, This is a very valuable work of yours with a great need for these kind of guidelines. I have only few comments/questions: First, would you recommend performing MRI for all the patients with fistula in ano? even with primary, simple fistula? Secondly, do we have a description of healed fistula? Should it be clinical or radiological description? How do these to correspond? What about cost-effectiveness performing the MRI for all the fistulas?