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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript examines the minimal invasive endoscopic repair for rectovaginal fistula. The extensive analysis of the literature allows us to summarize the current status of the art. The work was carried out with methodological rigor.



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Authors demonstrated “Minimal Invasive Endoscopic Repair for Rectovaginal Fistula” as review. This is a well written manuscript and provides the important information for the reader of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery; however, I would like to suggest some revisions to authors as described below. 1) Tables are uncoordinated and hard to read. Can be integrated Table 1 and Table 2? Moreover, can be integrated Table 3 and Table 4? 2) I think authors had better discuss the indication of endoscopic repair. Should the procedure be indicated only in cases with small fistula or specific etiology? 3) In ref. 48, over-the-scope clip (OTSC) was not adapted for endoscopic treatment. The reported procedure consisted of endoscopic cautery and conventional clip closure. 4) Some spelling mistakes, such as “mental stent” and “patienys” are found. (P7 L16, P7 L18, Figure 2)