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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There are a few issues that have not been adequately covered in this manuscript: 1. the issue of extended pelvic lymph nodes dissection and its impact in genitourinary function 2. the issue of transanal TME 3. the issue of robotic TME 4. the recently established scoring system dedicated for assessment of anterior resection syndrome.



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This is a brief but comprehensive introduction of the advances in treatment modalities to improve Quality of life in rectal cancer surgery, which is a very important but always neglected aspect of rectal cancer surgery in the attempt to eradicate the tumor. Another aspect we encountered in practice is the defunctioning stoma. Its indications, time to reversion and stenosis of anastomotic stricture caused by radiation are all related problems in terms of quality of life. Also, perineal wound complications such as abscess, dishescence and chronic pain after surgery accounts in the quantity of life.