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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting article with regard to potential benefits of robotic total meso-rectal excision for rectal cancer. Nevertheless, minor revisions are required. 1. The Introduction section is too long. Information included should be more commented in the



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Discussion section. Additional clarification of the aim of the study is implemented. 2. The number of the figures is not acceptable and should be reduced. Relevant information should be more analyzed in the Results section. Better quality legends should be provided. 3. Older publications should be excluded.

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The review is a very good summary of the studies investigated this specific issues, and it can be a good reference for this topic.

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