



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Creativity or innovation of this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation



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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Thank you for the opportunity to review your paper. I read your paper with great interest. I understand that the transanal endoscopic ISR performed at your hospital have good short-term results without increasing complications. So, I have some questions. (1) Even if pathologically complete resection is achieved, recurrence of cancer can still occur. I think it is necessary to show the long-term prognosis for your surgical procedure. 2) Since transanal endoscopic ISR technique can preserve nerve without damage, you should show data concerning short- and long-term postoperative urinary and sexual dysfunction. 3) Although the results are showed with regard to the primary endpoint, you should show the mid- to long-term results in this technique compared to the conventional ISR in your hospital.



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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Nice analysis but retrospective analysis which may be missing some information. 2. Small sample size to draw a definitive conclusions 3. Whether the Fictional outcome of this trans anal endoscopic procedure of ISR is better over open resection from perineum is questionable. Author should include the Manometric or clinical fecal continence score to make the paper better 4. What was the follow up protocol in these patients? There were 14 patients with stage III disease, what was advise to the after surgery?



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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