

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Transanal endoscopic microsurgery as optimal option in treatment of rare rectal lesions

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This a large retrospective analysys on the treatment of rare rectal lesions by TEM. The paper is overall well written. The results are well reported. However, the Authors should implement this section providing more data on the preoperative workup performed. Data on EAUS/CT scan/MRI are completely missing. Could the Authors answer to the following questions: 1) did they perfrom the 3 imaging techniques in every patients?; 2) How is the correlation among the imaging techniques?; 3) Did imaging changed the decision making in some cases?.

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Excellent paper. The English should be improved and there are many spelling errors. The technique of TEM should be explained in detail.

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No remarks were found during the reviewing process, and the paper has been recommended for publishing.

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This retrospective observational study describes the use of TEM in the resection of rare benign and malignant lesions of the rectum in a small number of patients over a 23 year period. The immediate postoperative outcomes, pathological findings, and rate of local recurrence is reported and is clearly encouraging. In addition survival analysis has been performed. Comments: - Introduction, paragraph 2: should be "heterogeneous" - Introduction, last paragraph: should be "these rare rectal conditions" - Methods, paragraph 4: spelling should be "prophylaxis" -Methods, paragraph 7: are the clips made of silver or titanium? - Results, paragraph 14: please clarify the statement "disease-free margins was achieved in all the cases except for one case of endometriosis in which the electrocautery reached one of the margins". Do you mean that the pathologist was unable to assess this margin due to thermal damage, or was it involved? Results - last paragraph: Survival analysis has been performed, specifically overall and disease free survival has been calculated across all included patients. Given that around one quarter of the patients had benign disease resected the use of disease free survival in particular would seem inappropriate. It may be worth looking at DFS for