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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nicely written short piece on robotics in rectal cancer. Some of the statements are a bit opinioned and one should be careful not to be overly enthusiastic based on the technical fascination alone. Please give data on truly patient- and stage-matched results. Many data presented are from selected series, with good results accordingly. Concluding part is a bit overenthusiastic "with endless opportunities" etc. What about learning curve? How does learning curve differ with large volume open surgery experience that convert to robot, vs those that go directly to robotic surgery with less open surgery experience? How will expansion of robotics influence this in the future? Maybe try to be a bit more critical (=reflective) as well - what are the barriers, challenges and way forward in the area?



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This is an invited editorial by Dr. Buchs. The editorial is well written and concise summarizing robotic technology optimizing the patient outcomes in rectal cancer. The advances in the RS technology compared to open surgery experiences is discussed. Despite successes I would however like to see concisely the barriers and if possible challenges as well. Well done.