

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

We thank the referee for fruitful suggestions, especially for suggesting the better terms and sentences. We have revised the manuscript 10719 on the basis of the Referee's comments.

Title: Complete laparoscopic resection of the rectum using natural orifice specimen extraction

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Our responses to the referees' reports are as follows:

Response for the first Referee

1 Format of abstract has been revised.

2 The last sentence of the abstract has been revised.

3 "Finding" and "Interpretation" were deleted.

4 Beginning of this procedure "natural orifice specimen extraction (NOSE) method is mentioned in method

Response for second Referee

1 Indication of complete laparoscopic anterior resection with NOSE was described in patients and method.

2 Approval by ethics committee of Tokyo medical University was mentioned in patients and method.

3 If NOSE procedure is impossible or injury of residual rectum was mentioned in patient and method.

4 Bowel preparation before surgery was described in patient and method.

5 Rectal wash out was evaluated by intraoperative cytodiagnosis. This explanation was added in discussion. Maeda's study was added in reference.

Response for second Referee

1 Inclusion and exclusion criteria was described in patient and method.

2 Informed consent for NOSE was mentioned in patient and method.

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We look forward to a publication of our manuscript in World Journal of Gastroenterology

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