

Point-by-point reply

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: This paper describes ESD-ARAMIS, a novel method for superficial rectal tumors which facilitates endoscopic submucosal dissection by use of the laparoscopic instruments through the ARAMIS platform. This technique helps to make surgery faster and safer, and is likely to be widely used in the future.

Reply

Thank you, the manuscript has been polished by a professional English language editing company as suggested.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Using a laparoscopic forceps to help the ESD through a port would facilitate the exposure of dissection point, while at the same time would disturb the freedom of the tip of the endoscope, according to our experience. In the discussion, the value of the adding of the forceps should be taken into account, in cases of different sizes of the lesion.

Reply

Thank you, we added in the discussion as suggested this sentence "particularly in cases where the removal of large lesions is required."

Reviewer #3:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Great tips. One question: is it possible to remove the lesion using the TaTME approach?

Reply

Yes, but TaTME is more invasive as it requires a rectal resection and anastomosis.