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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS
Overall, the paper is good. The authors illustrated their initial experience in a pilot study using the FreeHand® robotic camera holder (Freehand 2010 Ltd., Guildford, Surrey, UK) for laparoscopic colorectal surgery in Trinidad & Tobago. However, the sample size is really limited and only five patients were enrolled in the trial. Additionally, the lack of follow-up evaluation including oncological and functional outcome after colorectal surgery is another limitation. I hope the author could make a follow-up and recruit more patients in the revision file, otherwise it could not fulfill the criteria of publication in the form of pilot study.
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Dear author, Thanks for your paper. It has a good language and scientific quality. The use of freehand device is not very common, but I find it useful in some settings. However, you described this as pilot study, but I didn't find which are the primary and secondary endpoints of this study. What do you want to demonstrate? Is there a control group vs. another? Please, elaborate.