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Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a well-written, well-designed and interesting a multicenter prospective study as the authors analyze the feasibility and medium-term outcomes of the e robotic-assisted proctosigmoidectomy with sphincter- and nerve-sparing surgery for Hirschsprung's disease in children of all ages. The introduction has the rational, the study design is appropriate and the results are well interpreted.



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Firstly, I would like to congratulate you by the high quality of the submitted paper. The methodology is excellent, and the information provided has a high potential clinical relevance. Maybe I would like you to develop more deeply some aspects in your paper. In the following sections, aspects I consider modifiable or revisable of the submitted manuscript will be highlighted. In the INTRODUCTION section, we can mention: • Authors mention: “As previously shown, the minimal surgical technique resulted in better early postoperative outcomes than the open procedure”. It is not a “minimal” surgical technique, is really a “minimally invasive” surgical technique, equivalent to open surgery and surgery implies colorectal resection and coloanal anastomosis, both mayor surgeries. Talking about MATERIAL AND METHODS: • In page 6, authors speak about colonic irrigation and antibiotic prophylaxis. I think that volume and related to weight antibiotic doses must be provided. • In a similar way, in page 8 intravenous postoperative antibiotics (line 1) must be provided with their names and dosages (are they the employed preoperatively?). • Page 8, statistical analysis. What were the employed statistical test to assess if the variables fulfilled criteria of normality? In the



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RESULTS section: • Postoperative outcomes, page 9: “Two patients suffered from Clavien-Dindo grade III complications, including...”. The described complications are probably grade IIIb (needing under general anaesthesia procedures) as they must be described as “IIIb” in Clavien-Dindo classification. In the DISCUSSION SECTION: • A last paragraph or sentence mentioning questions remaining to be solved and future lines must be added (the provided one seems to be a little scarce). Newly I would like to congratulate authors for their work. Keep working in this way and trying to publish your research.