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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article represent a reasonable extensive review of TAMIS procedure that has been in the field of colorectal surgery since 2010. Highlights are ease and flexibility of use and more cost effective compared to other transanal approaches, Also with as good outcome.

So Far TAMIS has been described in many studies but in small data and non randomised, with optimistic outcomes. This study summarise many of those study in one article and hence give a better evaluation of the technique, compared to other methods and add more insight to outcome, post op complications, follow up and also address the bowel function following the procedure that is usually not always get highlighted in transanal approach studies. limitation is follow up period and long term outcome, the study covers well comparing TAMIS to TEM but not much to ESD that would add more power to this review.