Reviewer's report

**Title:** Prognosis and postoperative genital function of function-preservative surgery of pelvic autonomic nerve preservation for male rectal cancer patients

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. The title is still incomprehensible and needs to be rephrased.
2. The English language deserves a deep and meticulous revision covering all aspects: Spelling, grammar, and phrasing.
3. In the introduction the authors refer to statistics without mentioning its geographical origin (where does this prevalence occurs?)
4. Although the authors have a long-term FU for local recurrence, no genital function erectile dysfunction has been tested during this FU. This is of great importance, since many of these functions may improve later with time, or may decrease later if postoperative RT is given.
5. The recommendation needs to be more based on the results.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests