Reviewer’s report

Title: Functional Outcomes after Resections for Low Rectal Tumors: Comparison of Transanal with Laparoscopic Total Mesorectal Excision

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Reviewer: Léon Maggiori

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The authors addressed the majority of the comments. However, in my first review, I suggested to include the type of anastomosis (hand-sewn vs stapled) in the analysis of predictors of functional outcome and this was not performed. I suggest once more to add this information. This will also comply with the statement of the authors in the methods section that "All considerable patient- and treatment-related factors were analyzed with logistic regression models in search of risk factors for LARS".

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