

Peer Review

Review of: "Embryological Development of Anorectal Malformations: A Hypothesis"

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Given the title of the paper, the reader expects an embryological analysis of the occurrence of anorectal malformation (ARM). In fact, the author tries to give his own analysis of the occurrence of ARM based on radiological images that ends up with a proposed classification that should facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of ARM. This classification brings nothing new to the field of surgery and could not help surgeons do better.

There are a lot of assessments that are only based on the author's view but are not clearly and scientifically demonstrated. In addition, some sentences are debatable (for example, in the abstract, "Poor outcomes are the result of unnecessary and mutilating surgeries.", or in the conclusion "The Krickbeck classification (2005) was proposed by Peña and was adopted with the help of specially selected pediatric surgeons who had no experience with ARMs").

For these reasons, the paper cannot be accepted for publication.

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