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Answering reviewers

REVIEWER 1

The authors reported a comprehensive review of lymphadenectomy in gastric cancer based on previously published randomized controlled trials. Their conclusion was very clear and the content of this article was very easy to understand. I have some comments. #1. The authors should show the range of D3 lymphadenectomy on randomized controlled trial as D1 vs D3 lymphadenectomy from Taiwan. #2. In the last part of D2 vs. extended D2 lymphadenectomy, the word "D4 lymphadenectomy" suddenly appeared. So the authors should explained about D4 lymphadenectomy. #3. The authors should correct " and D3 - D1 - dissection-----" on line 1 P. 5 #4. What's mean "-----in the dissected basins. ????? " on the last line of D1 vs. D3 lymphadenectomy?

Sir, I thank you for your kind comments.

The manuscript has been revised accordingly.

REVIEWER 2

This is mini-review of RCT comparing the extent of lymphadenectomy in the surgery of gastric cancer patients. The descriptions are presented in clear and comprehensive way. The authors emphasize the advantages and disadvantages of the studies. The conclusions are reasonable.

Sir, I thank you for your kind comments.

REVIEWER 3

For a long time, there is a controversial about the extend of lymphadenectomy in gastric cancer radical surgery. This review attempt to address this contentious surgical issue based on the information available from published seven randomized controlled trials in this area. This work is of novelty and applicable potential.

Sir, I thank you for your kind comments.