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Reviewers' comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval.

Response to Reviewer (code): 00502831

No revision requested.

We would like to thank very much the Reviewer for his comments.

Response to Reviewer (code): 02537326

We appreciate the Reviewer's suggestions very much.

- 1 The safety of robotic gastrectomy has been focused more accurately in the 'Studies of feasibility and safety' and 'Comparative studies' sections (the added sentences are highlighted in the text). In particular, the papers suggested by the Reviewer (Seo HS, J Surg Res, 2015, Suda K, Surg Endosc, 2015) are commented and cited.
- 2 We followed this Reviewer's suggestion and cited Reviews articles in the main text. Specifically, they were cited in the section that we renamed "Review and Meta-analysis studies" (while before was only "Meta-analysis studies")
- 3 We separated the case-control study and meta-analysis in Table 2, so we reconstituted a new Table 3 with only Meta-analysis.
- 4 As suggested by the Review, we introduced a brief comment about the type of studies, if case-control or prospective, respectively in the section 'Studies of feasibility and safety' and 'Comparative studies', but the prospective studies are so few (one for single section) that we considered to be not sufficient to allow a

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separate consideration. Anyway, the prospective study of Tokinaga M, Surg Endosc, 2015 has been cited in the main text (at the end of 'Studies of feasibility and safety' section) and added to Table 1 as suggested.

- 5 The searching criteria of the references are described in the Introduction section (the added sentence is highlighted in the text)
- 6 The introduction of the Discussion section as part of the main text is an editorial request as listed in the 'Baishideng Publishing Group Inc Guideline and Requirements for Manuscript'. We just followed this indication.

Response to Reviewer (code): 00503563

We appreciate the Reviewer's comments and thank for his suggestions.

- 1 We indicated the pathological stage of enrolled patients in Table 1 and 2, as suggested.
- 2 Most of all published to date robotic series included either early and advanced cancer. In our opinion, the literature evidence is still so poor as not to allow a separate discussion of early and advanced gastric cancer.

Response to Reviewer (code): 00073423

We thank the Reviewer for his suggestions.

- 1 The article has been shortened unifying reiterative information and removing redundant descriptions.
- 2 It is up the editorial board the decision to consider this review relevant for the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. Actually, this article is an invited manuscript.

Response to Reviewer (code): 02444931

We thank very much the Reviewer for his annotations.

Mis-typings have been corrected.

Stefano Caruso