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#### **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This manuscript describes about the meta-analysis of the patients of GIST, which reveals that laparoscopic resection is an upgraded minimal invasive technique with a shorter postoperative hospital stay and less intraoperative blood loss compared with open surgery. It seems that Table I needs some editing.

**Response:** Thank the reviewer for their positive comments. And We have re-edited Table 1 to make it fit in the manuscript.

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Whether laparoscopic surgery is suitable for patients with larger GISTs ( $\geq 5$  cm) remains controversial. The manuscript analyzed and demonstrated that laparoscopic surgery was significantly associated with a shorter postoperative hospital stay ( $p < 0.001$ ) and less blood loss ( $p = 0.002$ ). Moreover, there were no statistically significant differences in the operation time ( $p = 0.38$ ), postoperative complication rate ( $p = 0.88$ ), or disease-free survival rate ( $p = 0.20$ ) between two groups. The conclusion is that for patients with large GISTs of comparable sizes, laparoscopic surgery did not significantly influence the operation factors or clinical outcomes compared with open surgery. The result is interesting and the treatment model is valuable for clinical use.

**Response:** Thank the reviewer for their positive comments and the encouragement.