

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Perioperative care is important for all surgery, including GC operation. The meta-analysis titled " Safety and efficacy of enhanced recovery after gastric cancer surgery: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis", including 13 RCT studies from 10 articles, did a good job to compare the ERAS protocol and SC treatment among GC patients who received operation. The results were credible and promising. There are two suggestions from me, expecting to help to improve the manuscript. 1. There was considerable heterogeneity among the included studies. And, the author did a subgroup analysis in order to found the heterogeneity. But no remarkable heterogeneity was found. It was better to add the Egg's and Begg's test to analysis the heterogeneity. And, the author should do a reasonable explanation about the heterogeneity. 2. There are several minor grammatical errors throughout the manuscript. Please checked and revised.

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This is an interesting meta-analysis of RCTs comparing ERAS protocol vs standard care in gastric surgery for malignancy. Although many limitations of this study are recognized and discussed by Authors, a few other issues should be addressed. ERAS protocol as described in cited guidelines (ref. 29) includes 25 items. Since compliance is a key factor in achieving results, studies including only four items may have limited value in assessing efficacy. Authors should detail items included in each study (number and type) and possibly compliance to single items when reported. This issue should be thoroughly discussed in the article. Similarly, evaluating outcomes 2 weeks after discharge is a further limitation of included studies. A significant reduction in medical costs is reported in ERAS group. Does this analysis include readmissions ?

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The authors performed the meta-analysis to provide an update assessment of the safety and efficacy of enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) protocols in gastric cancer (GC) surgery. And they concluded that ERAS resulted in accelerated convalescence, reduction of surgical stress and medical costs, improved nutrition status, and better QOL, for GC patients. This article is significant, well written and useful. But I have one comment as bellow. # The authors should describe why ERAS approach significantly reduce the concentration of CRP and IL-6 in comparison with SC on days 1, 4, and 7 after gastrectomy for GC in discussion.

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Manuscript is well written and can be considered for publication.