

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript deals with an interesting and important argument, the authors modified the laparoscopic subtotal gastrectomy procedure, which we have termed laparoscopic-assisted tailored subtotal gastrectomy (LaTSG), to treat advanced middle-third gastric cancer. The topic has a clinical relevance since several large clinical studies have demonstrated that laparoscopy can be used for advanced gastric cancer. The manuscript is well written: the title reflects the main subject of the article, abstract and keywords well summarize the arguments. The methodology is described in detail and is well structured. The authors retrospectively analyzed surgical, oncological outcomes and postoperative nutritional status in 92 consecutive patients with middle-third gastric cancer who underwent radical laparoscopic gastrectomy. The discussion is well articulated according to results and the authors have clearly underlined the limitations and drawbacks of the manuscript. A point of strength of the article in my opinion is also that partial preservation of remnant stomach increases the absorption of some nutrients compared to total resection. The tables/figures are representatives and of good quality. The manuscript cites appropriately the latest and authoritative references. Reading the manuscript some minor concerns have emerged: • Page5Line12, “these remain” should be modified to “This remains”. Thank you for giving opportunity to review your study.

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I found the manuscript entitled “Feasibility and nutritional impact of laparoscopic assisted tailored subtotal gastrectomy for middle-third gastric cancer” original, very interesting, well-structured and with huge impact on real life practice. The incidence of gastric cancers remains the second most common cancers among men and the third most common among women. However, numerous studies have demonstrated that TG was more traumatic than partial gastrectomy, and it is further suggested that TG could result in greater rates of post-operative complications. Recently, several large clinical studies have demonstrated that laparoscopy can be used for advanced gastric cancer. The author modified the laparoscopic subtotal gastrectomy procedure, which they have termed laparoscopic-assisted tailored subtotal gastrectomy (LaTSG), to treat advanced middle-third gastric cancer. They evaluated short-term post-operative patient outcomes, nutritional status and long-term oncological outcomes to assess the safety and efficacy of LaTSG compared to that of LaTG. Conclusion was that for advanced gastric cancer involving the middle third stomach, LaTSG can be a good option with reduced morbidity, favorable nutritional status and oncological outcomes.

Comments/suggestions: 1. Title and key words - well chosen. 2-The abstract summarized and reflect the described in the manuscript. 3. Introduction contains the most important data to support the importance of the study. Some references could be included here. 4. Material and methods - the paragraphs are generally well structured and explained. 5. Results section is well and clearly presented with pertinent statistics. 6. Discussion paragraph could be expanded to underline the strength of this study and the potential limitations. Also, directions for future research could be discussed. 7. Good quality of the Figures. 8. References –appropriate, latest and important.

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read with great interest the Manuscript titled “Feasibility and nutritional impact of laparoscopic assisted tailored subtotal gastrectomy for middle-third gastric cancer”, which falls within the aim of World Journal of Gastroenterology. In my honest opinion, the topic is interesting and the retrospectively studies novel enough to attract the readers’ attention. Nevertheless, the authors should clarify some points and improve the discussion citing relevant and novel key articles about the topic. **SPECIFIC COMMENTS:** Discussion could be improved (which would enhance readability and flow).