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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Questions 1 Since the modified overlap approach mentioned is optimized for conventional overlap method in totally laparoscopic total gastrectomy, its the advantages usually are compared to the conventional overlap method, why the patients in open total gastrectomy was selected to be control group? Does conventional overlap method have no advantages compared to open total gastrectomy? 2 In the abstract part, "Surgeons should perform total gastrectomy cautiously and delicately in patients with obesity, high ASA scores, and older ages." the conclusion may be not based on deduction from this study but other article or personal experiences. I personally think it is not suitable in the conclusion. 3 When the abbreviations(such as RFS,OS,BMI,ASA, CDC and so on.) first appears in the manuscript should be in full name. 4 Please explain the method of PSM? 5 In the discussion part, it is the superiority of laparoscopic gastrectomy in retrieved lymph nodes and obese patients, etc. These advantages are not exclusively belonged to the modified overlap approach. Therefore, it does not need too much descriptions.

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This is a nice study, well conducted with a good number of patients. Anyways will be interesting to know which are the specifics complications and the treatments related to the E-J anastomosis considering that the study point the attention on the anastomosis.

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This is a very interesting article comparing totally laparoscopic total gastrectomy using the modified overlap method and conventional open total gastrectomy. The study is well conducted, the aims are clearly pointed out and the statistical methods are excellent.

Comment 1: Considering the topic, it would be interesting to have more details about EJ related complications (leakage, stenosis rate etc...) Comment 2: In the Limitations paragraph of the discussion the authors state "This study has some limitations. First, it is a retrospective study performed by a single experienced surgeon at a high-volume center.". However, in the methods section it is not clear if all surgeries were performed by the same surgeon. Please specify it. Comment 3: Please provide p value after PSM in Table 1. As future perspectives, I hereby suggest the authors to work on a comparison between totally laparoscopic total gastrectomy using the modified overlap method versus totally laparoscopic total gastrectomy with circular stapled anastomosis.

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This is a very intriguing article comparing totally laparoscopic total gastrectomy using the modified overlap method and conventional open total gastrectomy. My only comment is about EJ related complications. I suggest to provide more details in the result section because I consider it the most important outcome this excellent research article.

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The authors fully reply to the comments, so i suggest to accept the manuscript in its current form.

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The advantages of totally laparoscopic total gastrectomy (TLTG) over open total gastrectomy were reported in many articles. Since the surgical method mentioned in this manuscript is modified for conventional overlap method, the effectiveness and surgical outcomes of the modified overlap method should compare to that of the conventional overlap method, not to open total gastrectomy. If your surgical team performed conventional overlap method or other TLTG method, please supply the data. Otherwise, the clinical experiments need to be redesigned.