

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" 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 authors described 2 cases of gastric cancer in SIT patients. The manuscript was well-written. The gastric cancer in SIT is rare condition, so this small case report also could be important. However, the most important concern is how to approach for surgical modality (i.e. position of surgeon, detailed operative procedures, and vascular anatomies). 1. Please described detailed operative procedure. (i.e. where the procedure was started from, how to do. etc.). 2. These two cases received laparoscopic surgery. So please add the snapshots of important operative filed. Video clip would be better if possible. 3. So, were there any vascular variants in these two cases? 4. The second sentence in conclusion might be removed. I cannot understand what is sufficient preoperative evaluation, comprehensive planning of operation, meticulous manipulation or tacit cooperation in these cases. If the authors want to highlight this study, there might be something difference compare with other studies. If not, just adding the SIT cases, the second sentence in conclusion should be removed.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There are many case reports and also systematic reviews about gastrectomy or gastric surgery in patients with situs inversus. These operations appear to be easy and safe to perform. Unfortunately, the paper does not provide any new information on this.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This short report of Lap D2 gastrectomy in situs inversus is indeed rare. Some interesting and meaningful ideas need to be incorporated, so as to make the paper more interesting to the readers. A video, few good pictures will add interest. Use of innovative endoscopic instruments, ergonomics of handle sizes, powered functions and also innovative ideas like a mirror imaging so that the surgeon can focus on the reverse image certainly will improve patient safety and help diminish surgeons physical stress and also ease their movements during the act of surgery. Use of flexible staplers improving ergonomics and also the value of minimal disturbance in immune system in lap surgery for better oncological outcome can be discussed.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is retrospective study but data interpretation looks like a prospective study as the samples are equally matched in both the groups. This is possible only if you do propensity score matching study and you will be able to justify it as per my knowledge, however the comments of the other reviewer is also important and to be taken in consideration.