

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11948 yajima. doc).

Title: Intrathoracic esophagojejunostomy using OrVil™ for gastric adenocarcinoma involving the esophagus

Name of Journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

No. 11948

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

### Reviewer 1

#1. This is a god preliminary report. I suggest the correction in the legend to fig1 of the word circler into circular.

Answer: I agree with this comment. I corrected to circular in Figure 1.

### Reviewer 2

The authors demonstrated a new surgical technique of lower mediastinal lymphadenectomy and intrathoracic anastomosis of esophagojejunostomy using OrVil™. They concluded that this surgical technique is easy and safe intrathoracic anastomosis for the patients with gastric adenocarcinoma involving the lower esophagus.

#1. The authors should report about the author's original methods and techniques of anastomosis using OrVil in more detail. Especially the authors should add the method of inserting of anvil transorally.

Answer: We agree with this comment. Accordingly, we added the methodology of OrVil more in the revised manuscript.

#2. The author should compare between this new technique and conventional technique as to operation time, the mount of bleeding, hospital stay and the complication.

Answer: We now edit the safety of total gastrectomy with the lower mediastinal lymphadenectomy in 32 patients with gastric adenocarcinoma invaded to esophagus. In this manuscript, main outcomes were safety and effect of lower mediastinal dissection. 4 of 5 patients using OrVil were included in more new manuscript. Accordingly, in this manuscript, we focused only the using OrVil anastomosis.

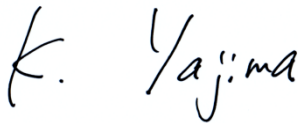
#3. I recommend you to figure the schema of this new method of anastomosis.

Answer: We agree with this comment. Accordingly, we added the schema of the figures in figure 3.

#4. The authors had better to change “COLD” to “COPD” in table 1.

Answer: We agree with this comment. Accordingly, we corrected to COPD in Figure 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by 'Yajima'.

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