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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is a letter article regarding the necessity of prophylactic drain insertion in total laparoscopic distal gastrectomy in response to the study from Liu et al. The authors pointed out several concerns in this study, which will be of interest to clinicians and researchers in the field. However, the following minor issues require clarification: Minor 1. (Title) I recommend “subtotal” is replaced with “distal” in accordance with other descriptions in the manuscript. 2. Please provide some concrete examples of grade I postoperative complications, which can help readers’ understanding.