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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10618-review.doc).

Title: A novel method for esophagojejunal anastomosis after laparoscopic total gastrectomy: semi-end-to-end anastomosis

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

1 Format has been updated

We have updated format according the editor's advises, the major changes we want to mention are as follows:

- (1) We added a core tip and the COMMENTS part in the revised paper.
- (2) We added 15 references to this research report so that there are 25 references due to the format requirements and we also checked and revised the format of all references.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) We add some references (5-7) to give more details for the background information.
- (2) We performed this study primarily to share our method for esophagojejunal anastomosis and only enrolled the first 26 patients. We have performed this anastomosis in more than 50 patients up to now and further studies including comparative study are being conducted. The reviewer's advice for more cases is very reasonable, and we will perform new studies about this novel method with more cases in future. We sincerely thank the reviewer's advice of proper arrangement for our results, and we add Table 1 to summarise the characteristics and operative data of patients undergoing laparoscopic total gastrectomy reconstructed with semi-end-to-end anastomosis.

- (3) We list some limitations of our study and add a conclusion in the end of Discussion part.

- (4) We changed the marking number of "A-H" to "a-h" in Fig 2.

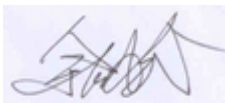
- (5) References and language are both examined carefully.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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