We are very grateful to the reviewers comments for their helpful suggestions.

Reviewer 1

1. If possible, use of an interrogative sentence is avoided for the title. "Conversion Surgery for Selected Patients with Gastric Cancer: A Review" may be more feasible. 2. With regard to quality of life and survival, please more clarify the potential advantage and disadvantage of conversion surgery in the Discussion.

We thank the reviewer for his/her positive comments on our manuscript.

1. According to this suggestion I modified the title: *"Conversion Surgery for Gastric Cancer Patients: A Review"*

2. Survival benefit of conversion surgery has been widely discussed. Regarding quality of life, although it has not yet been specifically analyzed in previous conversion surgery's experiences, we have now introduced this important issue in the discussion.

Reviewer 2

The authors reviewed about conversion surgery in patients with stage IV gastric cancer. Although informative findings are included in this review article, there is some comments. Comments Recent studies have demonstrated the clinical utility of intraperitoneal paclitaxel plus systemic chemotherapy in patients with gastric cancer with peritoneal metastasis (Ishigami H, Fujiwara Y, Fukushima R, et al. Phase III Trial Comparing Intraperitoneal and Intravenous Paclitaxel Plus S-1 Versus Cisplatin Plus S-1 in Patients With Gastric Cancer With Peritoneal Metastasis: PHOENIX-GC Trial. J Clin Oncol; 36: 1922-1929, 2018). The authors should focus on these studies as a recent advance of multimodal treatment for patients with peritoneal dissemination. I assess that this manuscript has reached high enough priority for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reviewer for his/her comments that helped improving our manuscript.
We have now inserted in the section "peritoneal metastases" this interesting study about multimodal treatment for patients with peritoneal dissemination.

Reviewer 3

In the present article, Zurleni et al reviewed the role of surgery in stage IV gastric cancer after chemotherapy (conversion surgery). It is a well written article which

analyzed in depth the topic. Main comments: 1. In the Abstract it is important to report the definition of conversion surgery. 2. There are some abbreviations that should be fully spelt (for example page 3: NAC). 3. There are some typos that should be corrected. 4. It would be useful to add a figure summarizing the process of article selection, since this article is a real systematic review. 5. Authors should remark that most of studies on the topic have been performed in Eastern Asia (only one in Italy), therefore this could be a bias to keep into account. 6. A final main take-home message may make more appealing this paper.

We thank Reviewer 3 for his positive evaluation of our work
1. We have now introduced in the abstract the definition of conversion surgery.
2-3. We carefully revised the manuscript in order to avoid typos and correct abbreviations.
4. Even we performed an accurate literature research, we cannot define this article as a systematic review: in fact, we aimed to provide a large background for the readers and to underline some critical details or intriguing aspects stimulating further evaluations. Hence, we did not need to use PRISMA guidelines including, for example, research flow charts.
5. We also thank him a lot for the very helpful suggestion regarding considering this possible bias. It has been now remarked in the discussion.
6. We revised final sentences according to the suggestion.

Reviewer 4

Congratulations for the quality of yours work. I regreted no mention to parenteral and enteral feeding.

We thank Reviewer 4 for his positive evaluation of our manuscript. I agree with the suggestion to include comments about patients nutrition: this issue is very interesting and in our opinion there would need to be a research work specifically addressed to this intriguing topic. In the context of our review it would not have the appropriate relevance.