

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Efficacy comparison of hybrid minimally invasive esophagectomy vs open esophagectomy for esophageal cancer: A meta-analysis

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Reviewer's country: United States

Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Studies are not uniform. It would be better benefits and risks of hybrid esophagectomy and open esophagectomy are written in tabulated form side by side.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. The rationale of considering HMIE rather than MIE need further clarify. 2. Odds ratio would be better against risk ratio for the sake of non-RCTs involved. 3. Sensitivity analysis is better to be planned to understand the robust of results. 4. A suitable



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conclusion is needed in the discussion section. 5. The values of effect size are better to be presented in the abstract for readers. 6. The oncologic concerns on long-term survival outcome need more detailed discussion.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Manuscript is well written.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript demonstrates a meta-analysis for the comparison of outcomes between hybrid minimally invasive esophagectomy and open esophagectomy in patients with esophageal cancer. Since esophageal cancer is one of the most difficult cancers with poor



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prognosis, and the operation is often accompanied by serious complications. The analysis demonstrated that hybrid minimally invasive esophagectomy was significantly associated with less blood loss and lower incidence of pulmonary complications. The manuscript is very informative and important. However, more descriptions are needed for the concrete procedures of two surgical operations, which could be useful for understanding the distinct outcomes of the patients after those operations.

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