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2	<p><i>Editorial Office's Comments</i></p> <p><b>Science Editor:</b> REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC EDITOR 1.</p> <p>Scientific quality: The study is a meta-analysis comparing laparoscopic versus robotic liver resections. The authors have reviewed nearly 2000 articles and included 28 studies for</p>	[ Y]

evaluation. They have divided the study in to two periods; early being studies earlier than or at 2016 and recent studies that are published at 2017 and later. They state that in recent studies there is no difference in the operative times between the two minimally invasive approach and whereas, in the early studies operative times were shorter in pure laparoscopic approach . The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade D (By the reviewer ID: 00052899). My opinion is that the study is well written and the flow of logic is very good. However, the results of the tsudis not novel (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The study is a meta-analysis that compares laparoscopic versus robotic liver resections. They have performed a very diligent work and the manuscript is well written The comments of the reviewer ID: 00052899: a. Did the authors search other database except for Pubmed, for example Embase? b. The analysis of the heterogeneity of the included studies was not shown. c. The results section should be re-organized and subtitles are needed. d. What are the results of the publication bias analysis? These points are valid and should be addressed by the Authors. (3) Format: There are 5 figures and 2 tables and 2 supplementary tables. (4) References: there are 48 references and 45 of them are within the last 10 years. There references are from the years 2000, 2003 and 2004. (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-citations. (6) References recommendations: There are no reference suggestions nor any conflicts regarding this section. 2. Language evaluation:

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