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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis to compare the laparoscopic liver resection (LLR) and robotic liver resection (RLR) and found that the clinical outcomes of RLR are comparable to those of LLR. The article provides useful information to evaluate the emerging RLR. There are some issues that should be further addressed by the authors. 1. Did the authors search other database except for Pubmed, for example Embase? 2. The analysis of the heterogeneity of the included studies was not shown. 3. The results section should be re-organized and subtitles are needed. 4. What are the results of the publication bias analysis?

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The present systematic review and meta-analysis provides insights into the clinical outcomes of robotic liver resection compared to laparoscopic liver resection. The manuscript has been improved after revision. Minor points are listed as below. 1. Analysis of the heterogeneities includes the exploration of the source of heterogeneity. Meta-regression and subgroup analysis may be applied when the heterogeneity is significant. 2. Although Newcastle-Ottawa Scale is a useful tool to assess the quality of the included studies, publication bias is more often assessed by the Begg's and Egger's tests.