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Dear Editor,

Title:Laparoscopy-assisted total gastrectomy with trans-orally inserted anvil (OrVil™): A single institution experience

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

1 Format has been updated.

2 The manuscript's English language and style has been edited by native English speaking editors at Ma-Jingyun office.

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

- (1) 1. In part of Introduction, author needs to explain the necessary for OrVil™ in laparoscopy-assisted total gastrectomy.

The necessity of OrVil™ in laparoscopy-assisted total gastrectomy was added into Introduction part.

2. The sample size of the mini-laparotomy group is small, so the comparison of characteristics between OrVil™ group and mini-laparoscopy group in table 2 is of less meaning.

We consider this comparison can be more directly to show the relevant content.

3. In table 1, there are 19 cases, not consistent to the total number of 26.

Already correct the mistakes

4. Although the meaning is clear, there are several grammatical error.

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- (2) 1. Introduction is very short.

It is already modified.

2. Results section is not presented well.

It is already modified.

- 3 Table 1 is not complete. The data for some patients are missing. The data for second group (mini-laparoscopy) should also be included in table.

Already correct the mistakes

- 4 Mean values are missing at the end of Table 1.

Add this information.

- 5 There are numerous spelling, editing and grammar errors in text. Text editing is also very poor. Pay special attention on many sentences that starts with numbers.

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- 6 Replace Fig. 1. instead of Pic. 1. Replace left, middle and right picture with Fig. 1a, 1b and 1c!

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- 7 Manufacturer for all materials used (staplers...) have to be stated (e.g. Ethicon, Cincinti, USA)

Add these informations

- 8 In conclusion authors stated that LATG using OrVil™ for gastric cancer may be a technically feasible surgical procedure with sufficient lymph node dissection satisfactory early recovery, and acceptable morbidity... - I would suggest reformulating conclusion because OrVIL technique has nothing with lymph node dissection, it is just anastomosis technique.

Add some information follow reviewer opinions.

- (3) 1 This is not the first study about laparoscopic gastrectomy with trans-orally anastomosis and these experiences should be evaluated and commented in the discussion. The operative

time could be compared with previous literature.

Add some information follow reviewer opinions.

4 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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