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This study was carried out to evaluate the minimal invasive surgery in elderly esophageal cancer patients compared to younger using metanalysis. This study was very interesting because no randomized trials were included, especially used Newcastle Ottawa quality assessment scale (NOS). But the volume of this manuscript was too large, pleased reduced. In results, please shows in only elderly: Fig2. Changed to 2010~only. Table2-5 might be not necessary. I think that this manuscript might be better by focusing the elderly patients aged 75 years old compared to younger group.