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the manuscript describes the mini invasive hepatic surgery. It is very interesting and supports the mini invasive surgery as faseable and safe also in hepatic surgery although this way is not yet largely accepted. This kind of mini invasive approach requires expert team of specialized centres. congratulations for having analyzed the topic



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This manuscript by Yao D, et al. comprehensively reviewed the current status of the application of stapling device for open, laparoscopic, and single-incision laparoscopic liver surgery. This manuscript described the feasibility and safety of the use regardless of surgical approach, however, the use is limited by the applied hepatectomy procedures. Overall, this manuscript is well-written in acceptable language quality and has a value for publication. Specific comments This manuscript has mentioned that the critical determinant of expansion of stapling device application in hepatic surgery is the pursue of further safety of liver parenchymal transection. The review of clinical studies makes it difficult to clarify the border of stapling device application, such as thickness of liver tissue. Therefore, I recommend to mention the basic research knowledge to compensate. For example, Tsukune M, et al. investigated in this regard using pig liver (Conf Proc IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc. 2014;2014:353-6) (PMID: 25569970).