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Dear Reviewing Committee,

In this letter we will try to point out the modifications that we carried out on our manuscript after reading your comments. We will address the issues in the order they appear on the BPG group peer-review platform:

- (1) Table 1 was updated to include the type of gastrectomy performed and the stages of the disease;
- (2) Detailed description of the differences between robotic and laparoscopic surgery were added to the "Technical aspects" section in our paper;
- (3) All the tables include a list of used abbreviations in their title
- (4) The section "Open Questions of Research" is now included in the manuscript, addressing possible new developments in the field of robotic surgery for gastric cancer.
- (5) The language of the manuscript was revised by Prof. Paul Cizmas from the A&M University, Texas, USA.

We wish to thank the reviewers for their comments and suggestions which contributed to improving our manuscript.

Best regards,

The Authors