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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript describes findings to compare the technical feasibility, effectiveness, and safety of laparoscopic and open total gastrectomy in gastric cancer patients, by investigating short-term and long-term clinical outcomes through a systematic review and meta-analysis of published comparative studies. The authors suggest that laparoscopic total gastrectomy may be safe and effective and offer some advantages over open total gastrectomy in the treatment of gastric cancer. The advantage of laparoscopic total gastrectomy in terms of better short- and long-term outcomes is still controversial. Despite of some of the limitations as authors described in "Discussion", the information given may be helpful to promote the further prospective multicenter RCTs. This reviewer has little critical criticism to the contents.