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Title: effectiveness analysis comparing continuous wound infiltration (CWI), epidural and patient-controlled intravenous analgesia for postoperative pain management after open gastrectomy

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We declare that our study was designed as a prospective and randomized study. All the patients were distributed into 3 groups according to the randomized number given by a computer. All the patients and staffs were kept blind to the group situation. The APS team was kept blind to the details of the study and just followed up every patient enrolled into the study. The APS team assessed

the condition of the enrolled patients according to a same standard. We also need to declare a blank control has not been set in our study. It is inappropriate to set such a control without postoperative pain management after an open surgery. We considered that our study was incongruent with the rule of Randomized Clinical Trial and waived the registration on website. We apply for exempt of clinical trial registration for this manuscript.

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