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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Well written and concise. The title and abstract explain the manuscript very well. Unfortunately due to lack of studies, there are only 3 studies included in the manuscript and this reduces the impact of the manuscript. The language could be better especially the second sentence in the second paragraph in the Discussion section (Our results found that compared with traditional care, fast-track program showed the fast-track recovery program resulted in a more rapid postoperative recovery, less medical costs, and earlier discharge from hospital, with no more complications occurring in both laparoscopic and open surgery for gastric cancer.) However overall the language is acceptable and easy to understand.