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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well written review on the evolution and current evidence as well as future perspectives of laparoscopic surgery for gastric cancer. However, there are some redundancies in the section for early (stage) gastric cancer regarding the differences between East and West, which might be shortened a little bit. Especially regarding the background that one of the author's central arguments is the approximation regarding surgical treatment of gastric cancer between East and West. One aspect in training should be mentioned in my opinion as many technical aspects of dissection and resection of the proximal stomach as well as technical aspects of esophagojejunal or proximal gastrojejunal anastomoses have been developed and practised by bariatric surgeons since decades laparoscopically. Laparoscopic gastric cancer surgeons may profit from these experiences in their clinical training by an internship in a bariatric/metabolic surgical unit.

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This is a very good quality paper. The authors review the current state of laparoscopic treatment for gastric cancer in its whole evolution. The comparison between East and West choice of management is well explained, especially regarding how Western surgeons have progressively embrace this type of approach and how guidelines from different Continents could finally find a balance. Moreover, the focus on the trials in progress and on the future is well explained and help to have a complete idea of the topic. I have only few comments. -The paragraph "Laparoscopic distal gastrectomy" is a bit long, especially regarding the short and long term outcomes. It would be better maybe to shorten a bit and insert one or two tables, at least, to fix better the current literature. -Since authors also described the technique, I guess inserting the most common trocar layout could be a good idea. -In order to get a more clear schematic work, I suggest to insert a subparagraph of short and long term outcomes also for lap total gastrectomy. -In the paragraph about robotic assisted lap gastrectomy, the authors state that "the smaller view of the operating field is one of the main drawbacks of the rob technique". Actually, I think that a great knowledge of anatomy and of the area where you are working is mandatory to be able to perform a surgery in a smaller area. This might be a limitation just before the surgeon has not overcome the learning curve. After this step, working in a narrow operating field helps to focus on the target area without any additional retraction. The rob technique is really helpful in case of narrow areas since it can provide an optimal view and the technical advantages of the instrumentation let to do a very precise surgery. For instance, in case of gastric surgery, the surgical steps all around the oesophagus-gastric junction in case of lymphadenectomy or when an anastomosis has to be performed during a total gastrectomy are much



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more easy to carry out by rob approach.

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A nice review on a controversial topic.