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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read the paper with interests, entitled "Anatomy and influence of splenic artery type in laparoscopic total gastrectomy with spleen-preserving splenic lymphadenectomy" by Zheng CH et al. My comments are as follow. 1. The authors investigated vascular anatomy in the splenic hilum, evaluating the influence of different vessel types on the surgical outcomes in patients with gastric cancer undergoing laparoscopic total gastrectomy with spleen-preserving splenic hilar lymphadenectomy. The mean splenic hilar lymphadenectomy time and mean blood loss were significantly lower in the concentrated group than in the distributed group. It is interesting paper consists of important information, appropriate figures and tables. My comments are as following. 2. In Abstract, Methods and Results section should be written more briefly, according to Instruction for Authors of this journal. 3. In this paper, limitations of the work are not clearly stated. Could you include acknowledgment of its limitations constructively? 4. Abbreviations should be defined at first appearance not only in abstract but also in main text (i.e., SpA). 5. In figure 2, additional marks indicating branched splenic lobar artery would be helpful to convince the figure findings



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