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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors conducted the clinical retrospective study to compare the short and long-term outcomes between laparoscopic and open surgery for rectal cancer in the Chinese population. They concluded that the laparoscopic resection as a radical operation was safe and effective while the long-term survival of patients treated with laparoscopic surgery was similar to those with open surgery. I think that this review is well written and worth publishing in World Journal of Gastroenterology. However, a minor revision is required. Please find my comments.

1. Author should add the portion of rectal cancer such as rectosigmoid, upper rectum and lower rectum. Was there any difference with regard to the portion of rectal cancer between patients with laparoscopic and open surgery?
2. Table 4 seems to be confusing. In table 4, there was no statistically difference of the occurrence of perioperative, including intraoperative complications ($p = 0.810$ and 0.180). However, the occurrence of wound infection or acute cardiac failure were significantly higher in patients with open surgery. Authors had better explain the difference of contents of complications between patient groups.
3. Regarding the analysis for long-term outcomes of patients, authors used the Kaplan-Meier survival



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method. Authors should describe this method in the statistical analysis section. In addition, the test to compare the survival distributions of two groups should be also explained (probably the log-rank test).