

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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In this paper Zhao RY et al aims to compare the short-term efficacy and quality of life between totally laparoscopic gastrectomy and laparoscopic-assisted gastrectomy in elderly patients. The study had a great number of patient but the analysis mix together total gastrectomy and distal gastrectomy leading to bias in the analysis of outcome and QOL. i suggest to conduct separate analysis for the total gastrectomy arm and for the distal gastrectomy arm.

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Dear authors, I read the study presented with great interest and I have some questions that I think are important for the result. When you state in the discussion the following sentence: "(1) Laparoscopic intracorporeal anastomosis requires surgeons to have abundant surgical and suture experiences. After passing through the learning period, the incidence of complications may significantly decrease [23]; (2) Due to the high position of tumors, intracorporeal anastomosis seems difficult in some patients. To ensure the surgical safety, the transition of surgical approaches from TLG to LAG may be necessary, increasing the surgical risk of patients in LAG group". - In your analysis, were all patients operated on by surgeons experienced in intracorporeal anastomosis? - In your sample, were patients with a TLG/TLDG plan converted to assisted laparoscopic gastrectomy due to a surgical complication or technical difficulty? In this case, there would be another bias of the study, that the worst or complicated cases during the totally laparoscopic techniques were converted. Further, it changing the conclusion that the laparoscopic assisted technique is an independent risk factor for surgical complications.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors have reply in an appropriate way and the analysis conducted is satisfying