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This is an important study about endoscopic submucosal dissection. Footnotes for Tables may be revised to indicate the difference between p value from kai2 test or Fisher's exact test, and t test or Mann-Whitney U test with alphabets. Significance may be indicated in



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Tables with asterisk. In discussion, the description about the comparison between SB Jr knife and Flush knife needs to be revised to be clearer.

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The authors retrospectively compared the technical outcomes of Clutch Cutter scissor-type knife endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD-C) for gastric neoplasms with those of ESD with other knives (ESD-O) by using propensity score matching analysis in



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order to reduce bias. Their study propose the hypothese that the outcomes using ESD-C are superior to those of ESD-O and they finally concluded that technical outcomes of ESD-C are superior to those of ESD-O regardless of technical expertise. There are some limitations that authors also admit, such as the fact that the two groups were not homogenous (e.g. the ESD-C group had a significantly higher rate of undifferentiated adenocarcinoma than those in the ESD-O group; the median tumor size of patients in ESD-C group was significantly smaller than that of patients in the ESD-O group), the number of patients undergoing ESD-C was smaller than that of patients undergoing ESD-O. Also, the study does not take into consideration the situations when more lesions were simultaneously resected or patients previously treated by surgery. Taking into consideration that currently there are limited comparative studies regarding advantages of scissor-type knife in ESD, this retrospective observational cohort study can contribute to the design of future multicenter clinical trials which investigate the best management for gastric neoplasia in clinical practice. One minor concern that should be addressed by the authors is outlined below. - In „Discussion” section: Page 16, line 15- „Clutch” instead of „ Cultch” should be rectified - Anyway, the manuscript is very well written with appropriate up to date discussions. - Statistical methods and techniques I did not check.

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