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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. The terminology "conventional" open surgery has been avoided
2. We explained in the Introduction section how this paper is different from the meta-analysis in this field
3. Figure 1 has been revised
4. The Highlight and Conclusion section has been expanded according to the reviewer suggestions.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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