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Title: Laparoscopic-assisted versus open transhithal gastrectomy for Siewert type II adenocarcinoma of the esophagogastric junction: A retrospective cohort study

Response to Comments

Reviewer #1:

1. The manuscript requires a minor language editing. Some minor language polishing should be revised.

Response:

Thank you so much for the advice. We have re-checked the manuscript to ensure a consistent writing format and correct grammatical errors. And further language polishing for the revised manuscript has been made to ensure all grammatical, syntactical, formatting and other related errors be resolved.

2. The figures are good, however, the authors should update the images with high resolution ratio images.

Response:

Thank you so much for the advice. We have re-drawn figures with high resolution ratio. And put them into a PowerPoint file named "73784-Image File"

3. References should be edited.

Response:

Thank you so much for the advice. All references have been reformatted.

Reviewer#2:

This study is very interesting. The authors compared the surgical efficiency of laparoscopic-assisted transhithal gastrectomy with the open transhithal gastrectomy for patients with Siewert type II adenocarcinoma of the esophagogastric junction. The manuscript requires a minor revision. Such as, the background and aim in the abstract should be wrote in two parts. The results section in the abstract is too long.

Response:

Thank you so much for the advice. We have revised the abstract section based on your valuable comments.

Reviewer#3:

Excellent study of the open transhithal gastrectomy for Siewert type II adenocarcinoma of the esophagogastric junction. The manuscript is very well written. The reviewer recommends to accept it after a minor editing. Thank you.

Response:

Thank you so much for the advice. We have revised the manuscript based on the reviewers' comments.