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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Although there are many controversies about the optimal treatment for adenocarcinoma of the esophagogastric junction patients, surgery is still the cornerstone of therapeutic strategies. Due to the lack of scientific evidence, the feasibility of laparoscopic-assisted transhithal gastrectomy in proximal gastric cancer is still controversial. Moreover, peripheral lymphatic drainage pathways of Siewert type II adenocarcinoma of the esophagogastric junction are more complicated as the particularity of the anatomical location, and laparoscopic-assisted transhithal gastrectomy surgery with D2 lymphadenectomy is more challenging than other sites gastric cancer. This study explored the feasibility of laparoscopic-assisted transhithal gastrectomy treatment of Siewert type II adenocarcinoma of the esophagogastric junction. The study is overall well designed, the methods are described in detail. The results are very interesting. Comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor language editing. Some minor language polishing should be revised. 2. The figures are good, however, the authors should update the images with high resolution ratio images. 3. References should be edited.



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This study is very interesting. The authors compared the surgical efficiency of laparoscopic-assisted transhithial gastrectomy with the open transhithial 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.



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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Excellent study of the open transhital 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.