Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your helpful comments and advice provided to improve the quality of our manuscript. Please find the comments and the list of changes we have made below.

#Reviewer1
- There are at least two spelling errors in the manuscript, such as, in page 6, “The incidence of AL in their study was 1.4%. with a change in the surgical strategy in 8% of patients.” would be “***was 1.4% with a change in***”. And please maintain the consistency of "TaTME" and "taTME" expressions. Please check the manuscript carefully.

#Editorial Office’s comments
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Reply: Thank you for your comments. We have corrected the mentioned spelling errors. Furthermore, we checked the manuscript and we corrected other minor typos.

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Reply: Thank you for the suggestion. We have decided to delete Figure 1 and Figure 2. Figure 3 has been renamed Figure 1.