Reviewer’s report

Title: Visualization of blood supply route to the reconstructed stomach by indocyanine green fluorescence imaging during esophagectomy

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The authors evaluated routes of arterial blood supply to the tip of the reconstructed gastric tube using indocyanine-green fluorescence imaging in 33 patients during esophagectomy. Although fluorescence imaging enabled visualization of three routes of blood supply to the gastric tube, no other data were demonstrated at all in their study.

Major revisions:

1. The authors should refer to the previous reports on fluorescence imaging of the gastric conduit during esophageal surgery appropriately in Introduction and Discussion section.

2. Surgical techniques used in their study to create the reconstructed gastric tube should be demonstrated. This might affect the route of blood supply.

3. Please demonstrate the relationship between the types of blood supply routes and postoperative outcomes.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.