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We are very grateful to you and reviewers for careful consideration of our manuscript. According to reviewers¿ comments, We revised the manuscript and would like to resubmit it. Although the reviewer 1 stated that the manuscript was not worth reporting, we found few reports describing port site hernia developed into anastomotic insufficiency by the literature search. Therefore, We believe that it has some interesting points for the readers to be noticed.

Here are responses to the comments made by reviewer 2.

1) According to the first two comments, we provided #1 and #1,2 as the references for first and second sentence in the Background section, respectively.

2) We clarified the grade of lymphatic dissection as D1 plus the nodes surrounding the origin of the left gastric artery in the Case presentation section (page 3 line 21- page 4 line 1).

3) We agree with reviewer¿s comments on references to be mentioned in the manuscript, and actually had cited Shaher¿s paper in the original manuscript. In complying with this comment, we added some sentences describing the techniques for port site closure including the prospective study demonstrated in Elashry¿s paper which is also recommended to be cited in the Discussion section (page 7, line 12 ¿ line 19).

We hereby submit the revised manuscript. We would be very grateful if you would consider this revised manuscript for possible publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports.