Reviewer’s report

Title: Meta-analysis comparing laparoscopic versus open resection for gastric gastrointestinal stromal tumors larger than 5 cm

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Reviewer: Christina Angeles

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The paper reads much better now that you have removed your own case control study. There are still times throughout the paper, tables and appendix that you refer to it as "present study". This term doesn't work anymore since the present study is the meta-analysis. Please revise using proper wording.

In your discussion I would discuss the average size of the GIST tumors in this meta-analysis, which are mean/median 5.5-7.5. Your conclusions should be framed around that since your own institution study didn't include tumors larger than 11cm. These results and conclusions should not be generalizable to "large" tumors that are larger than those captures in your meta-analysis.

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