Reviewer's report

Title: Robotic versus Laparoscopic Gastrectomy for Gastric Cancer: A Systematic Review and Updated Meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Riccardo Rosati

Reviewer's report:
The article is written in a poor English. It is a meta-analysis made on the basis of non randomized clinical trials, mainly on retrospective series with a limited number of patients enrolled.

Those studies have no details on the patients selection for minimally invasive access and considering that the majority of them derives from Eastern series with a high prevalence of early stage disease, no main conclusion can be drawn. Clinical stage in relation with type of operation is not clear in the studies considered from the authors. Also there is not a clear distinction between total and subtotal gastrectomy, so the differences in indications and results among the two proposed technique is not clear.

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