## **Supplementary Figures and Tables**

## Early Experience of Laparoscopic Resection and Comparison with Open Surgery for Gastric Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor: A Multicenter Retrospective Study

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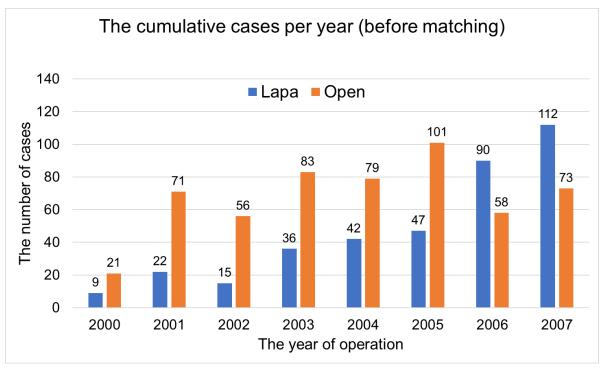
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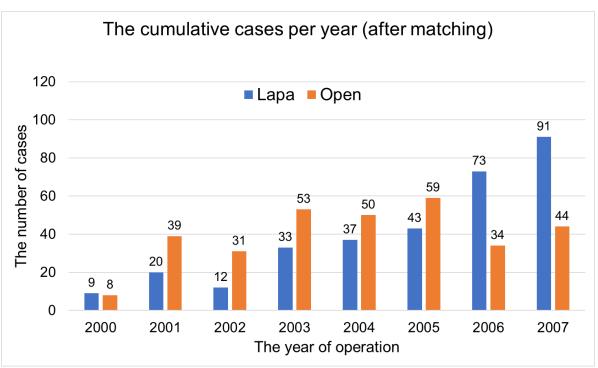
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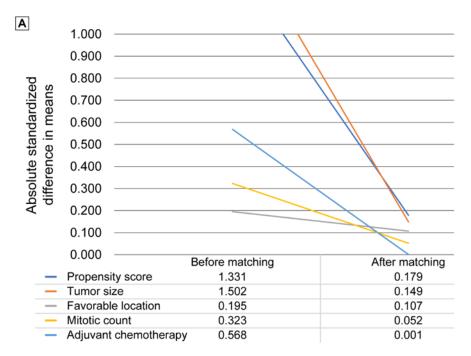
**Supplementary figure 1.** Bar graph of annually performed laparoscopic and open surgery for patients with gastric GIST between year 2000 and year 2007, before and after matching.

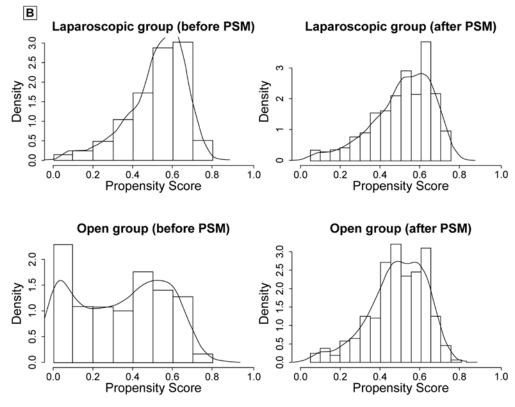




## Supplementary figure 2.

- a. Plot of absolute standardized mean differences of covariates before and after 1:1 propensity score matching.
- b. Distribution of propensity scores in the laparoscopic versus open group before and after 1:1 score matching.





**Supplementary Table 1.** Cases that required conversion to open surgery during laparoscopic resection of gastric gastrointestinal stromal tumor.

Location									
Case number	Age	Sex	BMI	Tumor size	Longitudinal	Circumferential	Preferences	Reason for conversion to open surgery	
Case 1	59	F	22.8	70.0	Middle third	Lesser curvature	Unfavorable	Difficulty in handling large tumor with laparoscopic instrument	
Case 2	74	M	26.0	30.0	Upper third	Posterior wall	Unfavorable	Difficulty in approaching the location of tumor	
Case 3	69	F	36.0	32.0	Upper third	Greater curvature	Favorable	Severe adhesion due to previous abdominal surgery	
Case 4	73	M	27.1	60.0	Upper third	Posterior wall	Unfavorable	Difficulty in handling large tumor with laparoscopic instrument	
Case 5	46	F	24.6	80.0	GEJ to Cardia	Anterior wall	Unfavorable	Difficulty in handling large tumor with laparoscopic instrument Difficulty in approaching the location of tumor	
Case 6	37	M	25.0	130.0	Upper to middle	Greater curvature	Favorable	Difficulty in handling large tumor with laparoscopic instrument	
Case 7	71	M	27.5	37.0	Middle third	Posterior wall	Unfavorable	Inflammatory adhesion to adjacent organs	
Case 8	60	M	22.5	70.0	GEJ to Cardia	Lesser curvature	Unfavorable	Difficulty in handling large tumor with laparoscopic instrument Difficulty in approaching the location of tumor	
Case 9	77	M	27.0	75.0	Upper third	Greater curvature	Favorable	Difficulty in handling large tumor with laparoscopic instrument	
Case 10	66	F	26.7	15.0	Lower third	Greater curvature	Favorable	Inflammatory adhesion to adjacent organs	

Case 11	40	M	22.1	10.0	GEJ to Cardia	Posterior wall	Unfavorable	Difficulty in approaching the location of tumor
Case 12	54	F	18.2	35.0	Lower third	Anterior wall	Favorable	Inflammatory adhesion to adjacent organs
Case 13	63	M	27.5	38.0	GEJ to Cardia	Anterior wall	Unfavorable	Difficulty in approaching the location of tumor
Case 14	49	M	23.7	45.0	Upper third	Anterior wall	Favorable	Severe adhesion due to previous abdominal surgery

<sup>\*</sup>TNM stage according to AJCC, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

**Supplementary Table 2.** Conversion to open surgery in laparoscopic resection

		coup before PSM : 373)	P value	Laparoscopic g (N =	P value	
T	Size ≤ 5 cm	Size > 5cm		Size ≤ 5 cm	Size > 5cm	
Tumor size (cm)	(N = 310)	(N=64)		(N = 254)	(N=64)	
Conversion case (%)	8 (2.6)	6 (9.4)	0.020	5 (2.0)	6 (9.4)	0.011
T C 1 C	Favorable	Unfavorable		Favorable	Unfavorable	
Locational preference	(N=176)	(N=197)		(N = 145)	(N = 173)	
Conversion case (%)	7 (4.0)	7 (3.6)	0.830	3 (2.1)	8 (4.6)	0.356

Abbreviations: PSM propensity score matching

**Supplementary Table 3.** Univariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis for variables to predict the overall complications. Covariates were age, sex, body mass index (kg/m²), underlying disease, year of operation, open resection, extent of resection, radicality, operation time, tumor size, locational preference, mitotic rate, NIH risk classification.

Variables		Univariate logistic regression		Multivariate logistic regression			
	В	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value	В	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value	
Age, years per increase	-0.005	0.995 (0.966-1.025)	0.732				
Male (vs. female)	0.370	1.448 (0.732-2.848)	0.284				
<b>Body mass index</b> (kg/m <sup>2</sup> , per increase)	0.080	1.084 (0.974-1.206)	0.142				
Underlying disease	0.052	1.053 (0.535-2.073)	0.881				
Year of operation							
Before 2006 vs. from 2006	-0.038	0.963 (0.483-1.920)	0.915				
Open (vs. laparoscopic) resection	0.868	2.381 (1.151-4.927)	0.019	0.938	2.555 (1.195-5.463)	0.016	
Extent of resection							
gastrectomy vs. wedge or enucleation	-1.090	0.336 (0.045-2.509)	0.288				
Radicality, R1 (vs. R0 resection)	0.629	1.876 (0.231-15.229)	0.556				
Operation time (minutes, per increase)	0.009	1.009 (1.004-1.014)	< 0.001	0.010	1.100 (1.005-1.015)	< 0.001	

Tumor size						
>5 cm (vs. ≤5 cm)	0.893	2.443 (1.215-4.912)	0.012	0.983	2.627 (1.280-5.575)	0.009
Locational preference						
Unfavorable vs. favorable	0.721	2.057 (0.975-4.341)	0.058	0.966	2.627 (1.164-5.927)	0.020
Mitotic rate (per 50 HPF)						
>5, ≤10 (vs. ≤5)	0.056	1.058 (0.425-2.632)	0.904			
>10 (vs. ≤5)	0.077	1.080 (0.316-3.696)	0.902			
NIH risk classification						
High (vs. very low to intermediate)	0.480	1.615 (0.684-3.814)	0.274			

Abbreviations: CI confidence interval; HPF high power field; NIH National Institutes of Health