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MÉTODOS:
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DISCUSSÃO:
Despite the small number of cases we believe that the use of systematic ELC approach in gastric GIST is feasible, safe and effective. Intraoperative endoscopy support allows better exposure of the tumour, greater accuracy of resection, with low morbidity and high patient satisfaction.

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