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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 477-review.doc).

**Title:** HMGB3 overexpression is associated with poor prognosis of resected gastric adenocarcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

The survival figure was drawn based on survival curve data table. SPSS 16.0 was used to generate curves (SPSS draw survival curve from first data point). In the data table, it starts to calculate survival rate from first death data. In group1 data, the first death case died at 3 months, so the corresponding survival rate is 92.6% instead of 100%. However, in group2 data, no death case at time point of 3 months, thus corresponding survival rate is 100%. If using SAS software to generate survival curve, it will start from 100%, just because different software has different default setup. So group1 curve does not start from 100% in figure2.

Forward LR method was used to establish the model in Cox regression, according to the procedure of SPSS16.0

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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附：

- 1、在图 3 (MTT assay results) 中，在 24 小时、48 小时、72 小时，统计学 P 值分别为  $P=0.000$ ,  $P=0.004$ ,  $P=0.000$ 。为了方便表达，统一为  $P<0.01$ 。
- 2、在本文中  $P<0.001$  均为  $P=0.000$ 。
3. 图 2 (Kaplan-Merier survival curves) 这个图是直接 from SPSS16.0 的软件中输出的 PDF 格式，因此我不知道怎么改动。