
Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Digestive cancer incidence and mortality among young adults worldwide in 2020: a population-based study" (Manuscript NO.: 65970). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful. I have studied comments carefully and revised the manuscript.

Responses to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer 1:

Comments: This is a simple but interesting analysis of a hot topic in gastrointestinal oncology. Using GLOBOCAN data, the author produced interesting analysis in the field of epidemiology of gastrointestinal cancer in young patients (20-39 years old). The author should present avoid general statement in the abstract (results section) and should present more clearly the findings also in the conclusive part of the abstract, indicating the most important messages of this study, without general sentence. the manuscript is quite well written. More text in the discussion (general suggestion: 1 paragraph) should be added on the importance of genetic syndromes in determining a high risk for cancer in young patients (e.g.: CDH1 germline mutation for gastric cancer, many others...).

Responses:

Thanks very much for your good suggestion. According to the comments, I have revised the abstract more clearly. In addition, a paragraph was extended to discuss the contribution of genetic syndromes to digestive cancer in young adults.

Responses to the editorial office's comments:

1. The language was edited by AJE and an editing certificate was provided, and I have check it again carefully. However, as a non-native English speaker, some minor language problems may exist, please point it out for me, thanks.
2. Regarding figures, all the figures were graphed by GraphPad Prism 8.0 and Excel 2013, or downloaded from GLOBCAN website, and regrouped by Photoshop, all the original pictures are not editable. However, I have check them carefully, the quality of these figures meet the requirements of Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision, could you adopt them as their current format?
3. The Article Highlights was added.
4. After the submission of the manuscript, the Health Commission of Mianyang City decided to afford a fund to this work, therefore, a funding declaration was added, and the Approval Document was uploaded.