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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the authors for their commendable efforts in conducting a comprehensive study, which has yielded valuable insights into the intricate relationship between gastric cancer and depression. Nonetheless, there are several noteworthy considerations that warrant further attention:

Elaboration on Depression: It is imperative to delve deeper into the intricacies of depression. A more detailed exploration of this psychological condition, including its various manifestations and potential contributing factors, would enhance the comprehensiveness of the study. **Gradations of Depression:** Given that depression spans a spectrum, ranging from mild to severe, it would be advantageous for the authors to elucidate the varying degrees of depression and their potential correlation with the incidence of gastric cancer. **Providing nuanced insights into the severity of depression could enrich the study's findings.** **Causality of Depression and Gastric Cancer:** The causal relationship between depression and gastric cancer, whether depression predisposes individuals to gastric cancer or emerges as a consequence of the disease, merits deeper investigation. A thorough exploration of this intricate connection could



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yield valuable insights into the mechanisms at play. Linguistic Refinements: Additionally, some minor linguistic refinements are warranted to enhance the overall readability and clarity of the manuscript. Attention to grammatical and stylistic details will contribute to the professionalism of the study. In conclusion, the authors have undertaken a commendable research endeavor that sheds light on the intricate interplay between gastric cancer and depression. Addressing the aforementioned points will undoubtedly augment the study's scientific rigor and its potential to make a significant contribution to the field.

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The study summarizes the trend of increased publications linking gastric cancer and depression. 2.2 Search strategies may be revised to clarify the differences between stomach tumor* stomach carcinoma* and gastric carcinoma Cancer* since it contains two words in one term. Figure 2 may be supplemented with the graph where the ratio of the number of publication on GC and depression to the number of total publication in the country.