

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (No. 14811).

Title: Prognostic significance of preoperative platelet count in patients with gallbladder cancer

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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

Reviewer 1:

The purport of this article is to study the relationship between Plt and the prognosis of patients with primary gallbladder, the results showed that Plt count is an independent prognostic factors of primary gallbladder, can be used in the clinical evaluation of the prognosis of primary gallbladder. The main views as follows: 1. In this paper, reasonable structure, strong logicity, were retrospectively analyzed in 223 patients with primary gallbladder, confirmed the platelet is closely related to the prognosis of primary gallbladder. 2. This paper research background is introduced in detail, narrative flow, has a certain clinical significance. 3. This paper has mentioned PLT has proved associated with the prognosis of cervical cancer and other malignant tumors, suggested that further study its action mechanisms.

Answer: Thanks for your kindly comments.

Reviewer 2:

This is a retrospective cohort study comparing between two groups of GBC patients undergoing radical resection of gallbladder with preoperative PLT above and below the cut-off value derived from the ROC curve. I have a few questions for the author:

1. The cancer cell is well-known to deploy the host immune cells, certainly including the platelet, by means of chemical signaling messengers. Can the author explain why the cut-off value they obtained from the ROC curve in their study is different from other study they cited ?

Answer: Thanks for your kindly question. We speculate that the difference of the cutoff value of platelet from other study might be due to the differences of human races (Asians and Caucasia), or the different tumor characteristics such as tumor stage and so on.

2. There are too many figures in this manuscript. The author should reduce them by perhaps combining some of them.

Answer: Thanks for your kindly suggestion. We've combined the figures in the manuscript. Please

check.

Reviewer 3:

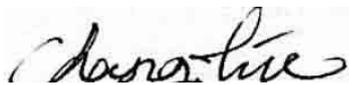
' The interaction between platelets and tumor cell promote the progression of tumor., This sentence repeated twice in discussion

Answer: Thanks for your kindly suggestion. We've deleted the repeated sentence in the manuscript. Please check.

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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