

## Cover letter

Dear Dr. Yu,

Thank you very much for your letter and opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled,

“The prognostic value of peri-operative leukocyte count in resectable gastric cancer”.

We have revised the manuscript, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration.

We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers, and the amendments are highlighted in the revised manuscript. Point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments are listed below.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer1:

Comment: This is a very interesting manuscript evaluating the prognostic

value of peri-operative leukocyte count in resectable gastric cancer. It is well-written and improves the current knowledge about gastric cancer. However future perspectives should be better analyzed and more accurately described. How the results could be used for future research and clinical practice?

**Answer:** We appreciate the comments. As suggested, we now have addressed the future perspectives of our study in the last part of Discussion, which has been highlighted.