

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Smaller Tumor Size is Associated with Poor Survival in T4b Colon Cancer" (ID: 25851). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in yellow in the paper. The main corrections and responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

1. Response to comment: The first paragraph of the discussion doesn't make sense and needs review.

Response: We have re-written this part including review according to the reviewer's suggestion.

2. Response to comment: With regards to the second paragraph of the introduction. I don't think that knowing it's a T4b cancer with a worse prognosis prior to surgery would change my operative strategy with regards to inflammatory or malignant adhesions.

Response: the statement of "Thus, identifying preoperative risk factors associated with poor prognosis in such patients might improve decision-making about the potential harms and benefits of the procedure" was corrected as "Thus, identifying novel risk factors in such patients might allow a more appropriate adjuvant treatment planning and a better assessment of the long-term prognosis after the MVR."

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.