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Reply to reviewer's comments

To editor in chief

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. I carefully check the reviewer's comments and revised the manuscript accordingly.

To reviewers #1

Reviewer 1 :

Very good: accept

Comments:

This manuscript is an interesting subject about the QOL of patients after gastrectomy. But it is not likely that English is the author's first language. It would be better to submit the manuscript to an English editor.

Thank you very much for your encouraging comment and kind suggestion. Our manuscript had corrected by native checker. I'll attached the certificate with the manuscript.

To reviewers #2

Reviewer 2 :

Very good: accept

Comments:

I read the paper entitled "Factors affecting the QOL of patients after gastrectomy as assessed using the newly developed PGSAS-45 scale: a nationwide multi-institutional study" by Nakada K et al. My comments are as follow. The authors evaluated various factors including postoperative quality of life after gastrectomy for gastric cancer using newly developed scale. This paper was generally well written including limitations of work, and it may be an important issue to consider appropriate management and treatment in patients with gastric cancer.

Thank you very much for your supportive comment

To reviewers #3

Reviewer 3 :

Good: minor revision

Comments:

This is a well-written paper to analyze the factors affecting the QOL after gastrectomy using PGSAS-45. The result that the symptom severity affected QOL most was natural but very impressive. I have some minor comments: In Table 2, Item 29 is followed by (Ans. Q21). Similarly, Item 30 and 31 are followed by Question 21, Item 32 is followed by (Ans. Q24)... In Acknowledgements, some doctors' names are written conversely; Drs. Inagawa Satoshi, Ueda Shugo, Uesono Yoshikazu, and Shibata Chikashi.

Thank you very much for your valuable comment and kind corrections. I have corrected Table 2 [i.e. 29: (Ans. Q21) to (Ans. Q29), 32: (Ans. Q24) to (Ans. Q32), 33: (Ans. Q1-20, 22, 23, 25) to (Ans. Q24-28, 30, 31, 33), 34: (Ans. Q26) to (Ans. Q34), 35: added (Ans. Q35), 36: (Ans. Q28) to (Ans. Q36), 37: (Ans. Q29) to (Ans. Q37), 40: (Ans. Q30-32) to (Ans. Q38-40), 41: (Ans. Q33) to (Ans. Q41), 42: (Ans. Q34) to (Ans. Q42), 45: (Ans. Q35-37) to (Ans. Q43-45)] and conversely written names in Acknowledgement (i.e. Inagawa Satoshi to Satoshi Inagawa, Ueda Shugo to Shugo Ueda, Uesono Yoshikazu to Yoshikazu Uesono, and Shibata Chikashi to Chikashi Shibata).

I should like to express my appreciation to the reviewer for suggesting how best to improve our papers.

Sincerely,

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