

We were most delighted to learn that our manuscript (30982) has been permitted to be revised for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We have carefully considered the valuable comments provided by the reviewer and made efforts to improve the manuscript accordingly. We hope that the revised version of this manuscript will meet the standards required for publication.

Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

This retrospective study of colorectal cancer (CRC) patients analyzes the usefulness of neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio (NLR) and platelet to lymphocyte ratio (PLR) as prognostic factors in CRC patients. The authors found out, that high NLR and high PLR might predict patients' survival and outcome in stage III and IV CRC, but not in stage I and II CRC. However, some minor points should be addressed before considering this manuscript for publication: 1. The average and range of age of patients included in this study is missing (Table I) 2. Please include mean neutrophil, lymphocyte and platelet counts  $\pm$ SD in your manuscript 3. Mean NLR and mean PLR should be included.

- 1) The average and range of age of patients included in this study is missing (Table I).

⇒ We inserted the mean age (range) of patients included in this study in Table 1. And we corrected the values in Table 1 as mean (range) or number (%).

- 2) Please include mean neutrophil, lymphocyte and platelet counts  $\pm$ SD in your manuscript.

⇒ We added the sentence including mean neutrophil, lymphocyte and platelet counts  $\pm$  SD in results (baseline characteristics and clinicopathological findings).

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