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Dear Editor-in-Chief:

The manuscript entitled ‘Relationship between celiac artery variation and number of lymph nodes dissection in gastric cancer surgery’ was re-read carefully by one of the co-authors, Prof. Yanjun Zeng. Professor Yanjun Zeng graduated from Tsinghua University, and studied in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, USA for biomechanical research. He has written and published over 200 original scientific papers, reviews, and book chapters in English language.

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