

Response to Reviewers' Comments

I would like to take the chance to thank the reviewers for the careful and thoughtful review of our manuscript. Based on your detailed instruction, we have revised the manuscript. Hopefully, you will find this version of manuscript acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Number ID: 02992691.

This study is very interesting. The aim and methods are very clear. Tables and figures are good. Only some minor language polishing should be corrected.

A:>>Thank you for your careful review of our manuscript. We have polished our article at Editage (<https://www.editage.com/>) for English language editing again.

Number ID: 02855889.

This is an interesting study about the prognostic significance of adding superior mesenteric vein lymph node dissection to D2 dissection for lower-third gastric cancer. The prognosis of patients with 14v lymph node metastasis is poor. Whether 14v lymph nodes are classified as regional gastric lymph nodes or distant metastasis remains controversial. The efficacy of prophylactic 14v LN dissection in radical distal gastrectomy for lower-third gastric cancer remains unclear. In this study, the authors compared the prognosis of patients with 14v LN metastasis and those with M1 stage disease; and evaluated the prognostic significance of adding 14v LN dissection to D2 dissection in radical distal gastrectomy for lower-third gastric cancer patients. Overall, this study is well designed, and the results are very interesting. The methods are described in detail, and the results are well discussed. Figures and tables are good and informative. References requires editing. And some minor language polishing requires an editing.

A:>>Thanks a lot for your expert review. We have updated the references and polished our article at Editage (<https://www.editage.com/>) for English

language editing again.

Lastly, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all the reviewers for the time and valuable advices. Thank you.