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**Title:** Factors associated with overall survival in early gastric cancer patients and additional surgery after endoscopic submucosal dissection: retrospective study

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## **Response to Reviewers' comments**

Dear Dr. Ma hi,

We thank you very much for your recent feedback about our manuscript submitted for publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. Indeed, we appreciate your encouraging words recognizing the value of our work. We have addressed the reviewer comments, improving our manuscript. Please find below a point by point response to all reviewer comments. We hope the current version meets your editorial requirements.

Anticipating a positive outcome, we thank you in advance for allowing us to contribute to your prestigious journal. Please contact me with any further question related to this manuscript.

Best wishes,

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Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: 1 Which strategy do you use to follow the lost patients??

**Response:** Thanks for this question. The patients were followed up at the outpatient clinic, by phone or via mails. In this study, three patients were lost to follow-up; considering that detailed pathological and surgical data were available, they were included in the analyses of lymph node metastasis and residual tumors, but not in the analysis of risk factors for overall survival.

2. Small size study population

**Response:** Thanks for this remark. We completely agree with this reviewer. As mentioned in the Discussion section, the number of patients administered additional radical surgery after ESD is small. Therefore, the sample size of this study was small. A large-sample, multicenter, prospective study is planned by our team to verify the present results.

#### LANGUAGE QUALITY

*Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.*

**Response:** The whole manuscript has been proofread by an experienced native English speaking scientist.

#### EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

*Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:*

*(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a retrospective study of the factors associated with overall survival in early gastric cancer patients and additional surgery after endoscopic submucosal dissection. The topic is within the scope of the WJCC. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The comment is good. However, the size study population is small. The question by raised by the reviewer should be answered; and (3) Format: There are 2 tables and 1 figure. A total of 39 references are cited, including 17 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement, and the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. Written informed consent was waived. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. The study was supported by Beijing Municipal Science &*

*Technology Commission. The topic has not previously been published in the WJCC. 5 Issues raised:*

*(1) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);*

**Response: Thanks for this comment. We have now provided the approved grant application form.**

*(2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;*

**Response: Thanks for this comment. Original pictures have been provided in a PowerPoint document.**

*(3) The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text;*

**Response: Thanks for this comment. We have included an “Article Highlights” section.**

*(4) The reference cited in the text should be superscript.*

**Response: Thanks for this comment. The reference cited in the text has been revised as superscript.**

#### *Step 5: Footnotes and Figure Legends*

*(a) Requirements for figures: Please provide decomposable Figures (whose parts are all movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file, and submit as “58794-Figures.ppt” on the system. The figures should be uploaded to the file destination of “Image File”.*

**Response: Thanks for this comment. Original pictures have been provided in a PowerPoint document.**

*(b) Requirements for tables: Please provide decomposable Tables (whose parts are all movable and editable), organize them into a single Word file, and submit as “58794-Tables.docx” on the system. The tables should be uploaded to the file destination of “Table File”.*

**Response: Thanks for this comment. Decomposable Tables have been organized into a single Word file.**