

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter and comments concerning our manuscript entitled “*CA19-9 level to Serum γ -glutamyltransferase as a novel prognostic indicator in patients with distal cholangiocarcinoma*”. Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied those comments carefully and have made revision which marked red in the paper. Revised portion can be found in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the comments are as follows:

Comment1: The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words.

Reply1: Thanks for your comment, and we have revised the title of our manuscript as “Calibration of CA19-9 as a novel prognostic indicator in patients with distal cholangiocarcinoma”

Comment2: 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);

Reply2: Thanks for your comment and we have re-uploaded the document.

Comment 3: 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.

Reply 3: Thanks for your comment and this is a very good proposal. We have re-uploaded the original figure documents.

Comment 4: PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

Reply 4: Thanks for your comment and we have revised it in the manuscript.

Comment 5: The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Reply 5: Thanks for the comment, we have added the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Meanwhile, due to the great help in the final language polishing and the revision process of this article, we apply to list Dr. Ren Lang and Dr. Tao Jiang as the co-corresponding authors of this manuscript after getting the unanimous consent of all authors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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