

President Lian-Sheng Ma,
Editor in Chief,
World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

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Dear President,

I am submitting our revised manuscript entitled, “Is Surgery the Best Treatment for Elderly Gastric Cancer Patients? (NO.: 68570, Minireviews)” for your kind consideration of its suitability for publication in “World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery”.

I found your comments most helpful, and have revised the manuscript as suggested by reviewers. Enclosed you find a point-by-point responses to critiques from you and the reviewers.

I believe that our revised manuscript has been improved by revisions, and satisfy the reviewer’s concern. I hope that revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in “World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery”.

Sincerely yours,

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Comments to the Editor,

We have mostly accepted two reviewers' comment and revised our manuscript accordingly.

RESPONSE TO Science editor:

Comment: In the discussion, the authors list *Helicobacter pylori* infection as the most important cause of GC. Yet, the role of *Helicobacter pylori* infection in the pathogenesis of gastric cancer (GC) is not fully established.

Response: We appreciate the reviewer's comment on this point. The sentence that *Helicobacter pylori* is the main cause of gastric cancer was deleted, and the sentence that *H. pylori* might be more like a commensal and an opportunistic pathogen was added according to the suggestion.

Comment 2: I found the authors have added the PMID and DOI in the reference list, but not in a right order. Please revise throughout.

Response: We have revised the PMID and DOI in the reference list.

Comment 3: Abstract, key words and core tip should be added to the manuscript.

Response: Abstracts, keywords, and core chips have been added to the manuscript.

RESPONSE TO Company editor-in-chief:

Comment : The author must add a table/figure to the manuscript.

Response: We have added the table to the manuscript.