

Dear Editor:

It is with excitement that I resubmit to you a revised version of manuscript “**Prediction of Lymph Node Metastasis in Early Gastric Signet-Ring Cell Carcinoma: A Real-World Retrospective Cohort Study**” for the "**World Journal of Gastroenterology**".

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to revise and resubmit this manuscript. I appreciate the time and valuable comments provided by each reviewer and by you and have incorporated the suggested changes into the manuscript to the best of my ability. The manuscript has certainly benefited from these insightful revision suggestions.

I look forward to working with you and the reviewers to move this manuscript closer to publication in the "**World Journal of Gastroenterology**".

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the reviewers and editors for the constructive and positive comments.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: I believe the paper is very interesting. There are some English language problems that need fixing. In my opinion you should make it clear if your decision making can be trusted on one or both methods proposed.

Response: Thanks for your valuable comments. I have sent the manuscript to a language editing company to correct grammatical errors and improve the article for language, and a new language certificate has also been provided along with the revised manuscript.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: In this retrospective study, authors assessed the factors that predict LNM in EGC and established models for it. Moreover, they investigated the differences between pure and mixed SRCCs and identified the factors that predict LNM in EGC with signet-ring cell histology. The statistics used are appropriate and the conclusions derived from these and the interpretations of the nomograms are consistent and sound. These main research findings of this

paper will be important for the full understanding of prediction of LMN in EGC with signet-ring cell. It seems suitable for publication.

Response: Thanks to the reviewer for your recognition of this manuscript.

Science editor:

The manuscript has been peer-reviewed, and it's ready for the first decision.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Response: Dear editor, thanks for your valuable comments. I have sent the manuscript to a language editing company to correct grammatical errors and improve the article for language, and a new language certificate has also been provided along with the revised manuscript.

Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...". Please provide decomposable Figures (in which all components are movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file. Please authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content. Please check and confirm whether the figures are original (i.e. generated de novo by the author(s) for this paper). If the picture is 'original', the author needs to add the following copyright information to the bottom right-hand side of the picture in PowerPoint (PPT): Copyright ©The Author(s) 2022. Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA). RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>.

Response: We have made careful modification according to all the opinions of the editor-in-chief. Thanks for the guidance of the editor-in-chief, and we hope that the revised manuscript can meet the requirements for publication in this journal