

Dear editor

I have revised the manuscript as required.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: well-conducted study with clinical valid points for use on everyday clinical practise

Our response: Thank you for your review.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The study revealed the potential role of coagulation markers including prothrombin time as potential predictors for screening bone metastasis of gastric cancer. Patient characteristics may be revised to describe the time point of the data collected, since it is important to know whether the coagulation markers were elevated before or after the onset of bone metastasis.

Our response: All hematological indicators were collected from the first diagnosis and before receiving any treatment. For patients with bone metastases, bone metastases have occurred at the time of collection of coagulation indicators.

2 Editorial Office's comments

1) 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)

2) Company Editor-in-Chief: I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology. 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/>.

Our response: We agree to publish the manuscript in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology magazine, and have improved the content of the manuscript as required.