

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Zhang et al. investigated the association between the KRS and mortality with gastric and CRC in event-history analysis using Cox hazard model. They concluded that the higher the KRS, the higher the risk of early death, but the relevance of this independent prediction diminishes with longer survival. This article is well written, however, there are some concerns for this article. Major 1. The discussion is too long. I think it is better to delete the following sentences. P11. , which provides a good guide for future prospective studies P15. The clinical values of this study are as follows: (1) To the best of our knowledge, the first independent correlation and time sensitivity between KRS and all-cause mortality was observed in Japanese patients with stomach and colorectal cancer.; (2) It may guide the follow-up time issue in relevant prospective studies and improve the economic efficacy; (3) It will be helpful for health care professionals working in the clinic to give stratified management of cancer patients in a specific time period and to establish a time-efficient management concept, i.e., the earlier the intervention for blood picture and BMI, the higher the survival benefit is likely to be; (4) The results of this study will contribute to additional research on what survival benefits



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this intervention provides to patients with stomach and colorectal cancer, as well as the development of future all-cause mortality prediction models. 2. Due to the leap in interpretation of the results, please delete the following sentence from the conclusion. P16. A concept of time-sensitive management needs to be established for clinicians and community workers as well, i.e., the earlier the stratified intervention for patients with intermediate/high KRS, the more likely long-term survival benefit will be achieved. 3. Due to the leap in interpretation of the results, please delete the following sentence from the abstract. The concept of time-sensitive management needs to be established for clinicians and community workers as well, i.e., the earlier the stratified intervention for patients with intermediate/high KRS, the more likely long-term survival benefit will be achieved. 4. Please delete the following key word. Time-sensitive Minor P8. Miss spelling; Univariate analysis

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I think the study could be more interesting if KRS would be tested in gastric and colorectal cancer patients separately, since the deep difference in thrombosis incidence in these two groups.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I read the response and revised manuscript. The manuscript is well revised. I have no comment