

Dear Editor of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Please find the revised manuscript entitled "Correlation between pre-treatment serum total blood bilirubin and unconjugated bilirubin and prognosis in patients with colorectal cancer" (Manuscript ID: 86882) here attached. The authors are grateful for the valuable and helpful comments of the reviewers. According to the comments, we have made significant improvements of the manuscript as follows and with yellow mark in the manuscript.

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #1:

In this study, the authors investigate the effect of TBIL and UCB levels on the prognosis of patients with CRC. The manuscript is overall well written, the methods are described in detail, and results are well discussed. In my opinion, this manuscript can be accepted for publication after a minor editing.

Response: We really appreciate your efforts and comments on our manuscript. We have revised our manuscript according to your comments.

Reviewer #2: This is an interesting study of the correlation between pre-treatment serum total blood bilirubin and unconjugated bilirubin and prognosis in patients with colorectal cancer. The study is well designed and the findings are well discussed.

Minor comments:

1. The manuscript requires a minor editing.

Response: We really appreciate your efforts and comments on our manuscript. We have revised our manuscript according to your comments and suggestions. We are deeply thankful the critiques and suggested analysis that have greatly improved our manuscript.

2. Please write a short background in the abstract.

Response: Thanks for your nice comments. In the revised manuscript, we had added a short background of "Background: Epidemiological studies have found that unconjugated bilirubin (UCB) levels are positively correlated with the incidence of colorectal cancer (CRC). Therefore, bilirubin may also play an important role in the prognosis of CRC" in the abstract.

3. Subtitles are required for the methods and results section. Please check and revise it.

Response: Thanks for your kind comments. In the revised manuscript, we had added subtitles in the methods and results section. All the modifications are marked as red.

4. References list should be updated, and edited with pmid and doi numbers

Response: Thanks for your kind suggestion. The references were updated and marked in red

Company Editor-in-Chief comment

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, 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 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. In order to respect and protect the author's intellectual property rights and prevent others from misappropriating figures without the author's authorization or abusing figures without indicating the source, we will indicate the author's copyright for figures originally generated by the author, and if the author has used a figure published elsewhere or that is copyrighted, the author needs to be authorized by the previous publisher or the copyright holder and/or indicate the reference source and copyrights. 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) 2023. 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. 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 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: Thanks for your nice comments. In the revised manuscript, we have corrected the figure and table according to your comments.