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Title: How to identify early complications in patients undergoing distal gastrectomy?

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Dear Editor,

My co-authors and I thank you for your attention to our manuscript. My co-authors and I are grateful for the opportunity to respond to the reviewer's comments and the Editorial Board's comments.

The responses to the comments are listed below.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors:

This paper is acceptable, even in the current form.

My co-authors and I thank the reviewer for his interest in our manuscript.

Science editor:

1 Conflict of interest statement: Academic Editor has no conflict of interest.

2 Scientific quality: The author submitted a study of how to identify early complications in patients undergoing distal gastrectomy? The manuscript is overall qualified.

(1) Advantages and disadvantages: The reviewer have given positive peer-review reports for the manuscript. Classification: Grade C; Language Quality: Grade B. This paper is acceptable, even in the current form.

(2) Main manuscript content: The author clearly stated the purpose of the study and the research structure is complete. However, the manuscript is still required a further revision according to the detailed comments listed below.

(3) Table(s) and figure(s): There are 3 Tables should be improved. Detailed suggestions for each are listed in the specific comments section.

(4)References: A total of 60 references are cited, including 17 published in the last 3 years. The reviewer didn't request the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself.

Specific comments: (1) Please provide the filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

The tables have been included in a single file.

The references have been changed and many citations have been deleted.

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The conflict-of-interest disclosure form has been endorsed and included.

(3) The *WJGS* article which this editorial discussed has been listed in the references list (Ref. 31). Please refer to the correct format below <Zhang B, Zhu Q, Ji ZP. Nomogram for predicting early complications after distal gastrectomy. *World J Gastrointest Surg* 2023; **15**: 2500-2512 [PMID: 38111768 DOI: 10.4240/wjgs.v15.i11.2500]>

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5 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

My co-authors and I thank you for your attention to our manuscript.

My co-authors and I send the Editorial, by invitation, relating to the article by Zhang and collaborators entitled "Nomogram for predicting early complications after distal gastrectomy", accepted for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*. My co-authors and I used a title for our Editorial that was different from that of Zhang and co-authors' article. It seemed right to us to use a different title since our manuscript is an Editorial and not a letter-to-the-Editor type comment.

My coauthors and I declare that we participated in the design, execution, and analysis of the paper and that we have seen and approved the final version. We also declare that we have no conflict of interest in connection with this paper, other than any noted in the covering letter to the editor. All the authors and all individuals mentioned in this paper agree with the contents of this manuscript or the contents that are specifically attributed to them.

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The manuscript was proofread by Dr. Neill J Adams, a native English speaker. The manuscript was written in English by Dr. Maria Michela Chiarello, who worked for two years in Edinburgh. For this reason, my co-authors and I did not submit the manuscript to an external proofreading service.

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Thank You very much for your interest, we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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