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Dear Dr Yu,

Re: Manuscript No: 20564 (Quality of Life: A Critical Outcome for all Surgical Treatments of Gastric Cancer)

We thank you very much for your critical review of our manuscript and we are pleased to see that it is generally of interest to your journal, pending some minor revisions. The revisions are highlighted in the manuscript.

- 1) Reviewer #1 asked that we describe the means to measure quality of life in gastric cancer patients as we describe studies evaluating quality of life following various gastric cancer operations. We are in agreement that this would significantly clarify the paper and therefore we have made that revision. We have included a table listing the QoL questionnaires utilized in each of the included references. (Table 2)
- 2) Reviewer #2 thought that this was suitable for publication as is.
- 3) We have updated the manuscript according to the guidelines and requirements for manuscript revision. More specifically, we changed the spacing for each of the references (no space between end of sentence and reference) but did not highlight each of these changes in the manuscript.
- 4) We have attached an audio file containing an audio core tip.
- 5). The final title has been submitted to Google Scholar search and the associated screen shot images have also been attached.
- 6) We have no conflict of interest to declare.
- 7) The language of our manuscript requires no revision as we are native English speakers.



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8) The Copyright Assignment form has been signed and is attached as a scanned document.

Thank you again for inviting our submission of this work.

Sincerely,

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