

Dear Editors of World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery,

We are sending you the revised manuscript entitled: **“PREOPERATIVE ALBUMIN-BILIRUBIN SCORE IS A PROGNOSTIC FACTOR FOR GASTRIC CANCER PATIENTS AFTER CURATIVE GASTRECTOMY” (Manuscript ID: 83166)**

The manuscript was revised according to the reviewers' comments and responses to each question are provided below.

We are glad for the opportunity to send the revised manuscript to this renowned journal.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Respectfully,

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#### **Response to the Reviewer(s)' Comments**

##### **REVIEWER #1:**

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The article "PREOPERATIVE ALBUMIN-BILIRUBIN SCORE IS A PROGNOSTIC FACTOR FOR GASTRIC CANCER PATIENTS AFTER CURATIVE GASTRECTOMY" is well written and has an adequate number of patients for a retrospective monocentric study. The analysis of data and consequent results are interesting. As indicated by the authors, larger multicentric studies are needed to consolidate those results.

**Response:** We appreciate the review and comments on our manuscript. In fact, multicentric studies would be welcome for external validation of our results.

**REVIEWER #2:**

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** This reviewer had reviewed the former version of this manuscript, and now, have found it considerably improved. The manuscript would be acceptable almost in this present form. Meanwhile, I have found some minor issues and will list them up. Please address them.

1. (p.5, l.8) Lauren histological type, pT, pT and pTNM stage: Lauren histological type, pT, pN and pTNM stage

2. (p.13, l.6) survival of patients into the same pTNM stage: survival of patients in the same pTNM stage

3. (p.13, l.11) reports results of its application: report results of its application

4. (p.14, l.6) Interesting, a: Interestingly, a

5. (p.16, l.2) Similar, in our cohort: Similarly, in our cohort

6. (Table 2) Sum of Histological differentiation in Low-ALBI group is 208, and is not 211. In addition, sums of Lauren type and Histological differentiation in High-ALBI group are 149 and 147, respectively, and are not 150. Please explain.

**Response:** We are grateful for the careful review of the article by the reviewer. The article was revised, and the aforementioned corrections were made. The values in the Table 2 were also corrected.

#### **EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS**

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

##### **Science editor:**

The manuscript has been peer-reviewed, and it is ready for the first decision.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

##### **Company editor-in-chief:**

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the 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

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**Response:** The article was extensively revised, and the necessary language corrections were made, in addition to the corrections pointed out by the reviewers. All necessary documents were submitted along with the revised manuscript, and the Article Highlights was added.