

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name 55403 revised manuscript .doc).

**Title:** The combination of ESD and SLND in early mucinous gastric cancer

**Manuscript No:** 55403

We have revised the manuscript carefully and all changes are highlighted in the revised version of the manuscript, according to the comments and suggestions of reviewers and editor, and responded, point by point to, the comments as listed below.

I would like to re-submit this revised manuscript to your journal, and hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Replies to Reviewers and Editor

First of all, we thank both reviewers and editor for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions.

Reviewer #1 This is an important study about risk factors for predicting positive lymph node metastasis. Conclusion may be revised to emphasize that this is a retrospective study about risk factors.

Response: Thank you very much for the reviewers' approval of this article.

***Science Editor***

1. The title is too long, and it should be no more than 12 words.

Response: Thank you for raising this issue. We accept your suggestion. We have noticed that, and made some changes in the title.

2. The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Response: Thank you for raising this issue. We have added the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.