

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7903-review.doc).

**Title: Effect of complication grade on survival following curative gastrectomy for carcinoma**

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (No 02460503).

1) Abstract and main manuscript: "other disease" should be defined

Other disease including hypertension, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

2) Materials and Methods: section patients: please specify postoperative complications

Complications were defined as any deviation from the normal postoperative course.

3) Materials and Methods, section surgical treatment and perioperative management: the authors wrote: "Postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy was administered according to tumor stage, physical condition and the patient's willingness" - Neoadjuvant chemotherapy is indicated for tumor stage UICC II and higher - why was no neoadjuvant therapy applied?

Postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy and neoadjuvant chemotherapy was implemented according to the tumor stage, physical condition and willingness of the patient. Chemotherapeutics consisted of 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin and oxaliplatin (FOLFOX-6). Radiotherapy was not used in the present study.

4) UICC Stage IV: I assume they all were M0? - Please comment Stage IV: perforation of serosa or infiltration of neighbor organs - how is R0 resection warranted? - please comment

Histologically confirmed R0 resection

5) Other revision in the paper have been shaded.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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