

## **Answering Reviewers**

**Reviewer's code:** 02954661

Dear Editor, Thank you for the opportunity to review the interesting manuscript entitled 'Stage III Should be Subclassified into Stage IIIA and IIIB in the American Joint Committee on Cancer (8th Edition) Staging System for Pancreatic Cancer'. The authors reviewed 1744 patients with pancreatic cancer included in the SEER database. Minor concerns: In the Figure 1 and 2 please present the P value and the statistical test used for group 3 versus group 1+2. The paper has merits to be accepted.

**Ans:** Thanks for reviewing our paper very much. P value for group 3 versus group 1+2 has been added in the revised edition.

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The authors demonstrated the clinical importance of subclassification for stage III in patients with pancreatic cancer. I assess that this manuscript would be accepted without revision for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

**Ans:** Thanks very much!

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Great paper.

**Ans:** Thanks very much!