

Author's response to reviewers

March 28, 2019

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

**Title:** Long-lasting discussion: adverse effects of intraoperative blood loss and allogeneic transfusion on prognosis of patients with gastric cancer

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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

**(1) Reviewer 02533177**

- This paper review the clinical and laboratory evidence to explore the effects of IBL and BTF on the prognosis of patients with gastric cancer. They concluded that the IBL and BTF lead to adverse effects on the prognosis in patients with gastric cancer, and the main causes are anti-tumor immunosuppression and confounding factors such as postoperative complications and preoperative anemia. Surgeons should make efforts to minimize IBL and BTF to improve patients' prognosis. The manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately and it's helpful for surgeons to make proper clinical treatment decision.

Reply) We thank the Reviewer for favorable comments.

**(2) Reviewer 02439561**

- You did a very excellent research. Noting to comment

Reply) Thank you for your favorable comments.

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

Sincerely yours,

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