

Dear editor and reviewers

Thanks very much for taking your time to review this manuscript. We sincerely appreciate your careful review and thoughtful comments! We modified our manuscript according to reviewers' comments carefully. Please find the modifications in the text of manuscript with track changes. We gave the manuscript linguistic polish to bring it up to publication standards.

Review 1:

Thank you for your valuable advice. The primary focus was on overall survival, so patients lost to follow-up had to be excluded. The pathological staging of patients after neoadjuvant chemotherapy was ypTNM, which was inconsistent with the patients enrolled in this study. We supplemented the results of univariate Cox analysis. Because the vast majority of patients were over 50 years of age and data on perineural invasion were not available, they were not included in the analysis. Different patients have different chemotherapy regimens, and too many chemotherapy regimens are difficult to analyze.

Review 2:

Thank you for your careful reading! All patients underwent D2 gastrectomy. Data on tumor size, lymphatic or perineural invasion were not available and were not included in the study.

Review 3:

Thanks for the advice. We reedited and polished the manuscript and removed unnecessary diagrams.

Review 4:

We appreciate the reviewer's suggestion. At present, laparoscopic surgery for early gastric cancer is very mature, and the complication rate is very low. Therefore, we did not include the data of postoperative complications, which has no impact on the study results. The tables have been modified as required. The median follow-up was more than 5 years.

Review 5:

We appreciate the reviewer's suggestion. The variables included in the study had P values < 0.05 in the univariate analysis and < 0.25 in the multivariate analysis. The tables have been modified as required. The incidence of postoperative complications was very low and had little impact on the choice of adjuvant chemotherapy, so it had little impact on the results of the study. The redundant figures 3A and 3B have been removed. Vascular invasion, tumor site, and BMI were included because P-values were less than 0.05 in univariate analyses and were the lowest in multivariate analyses.

Review 6: Thank you for your comments. We did not study the effect of gastric cancer genotyping on receiving adjuvant chemotherapy. This is one of the limitations of this manuscript, which we explain in the discussion section.

Round 2

Specific Comments To Authors: This fascinating study shows that gambogic acid inhibits gastric cell proliferation through necroptosis. Previous studies show the effect of gambogic acid in different types of cancer, including gastric cancer, with various anti-cancer mechanisms. The methodology in the study is appropriately used, the results entirely sustain the conclusions, and the results are meaningfully discussed in the context of pre-existing literature. Only a few minor comments: The last paragraph from the Introduction showing the results of the present study briefly maybe should be moved to Discussion. The Abstract should be provided in the format required by the journal for an original article. In line 231, replace indictor with indicator.

I have revised the manuscript as requested.