

Dear editors and reviewers:

Thanks for your kind help. The reviewer gave us many useful suggestions and comments for our article, and we have revised one by one accordingly.

We hope that the revised article could be better understanding and more rigorous. Thanks again for the help of all the editors and reviewers. Here are our answers.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors:

Q1: This is a useful retrospective study on a clinically important topic. The methodology, including statistics, is sound, writing satisfactory, and conclusions reasonable. Accept

A1: Thanks very much for your praise. We hope that the revised article is more attractive and clearly reading.

Science Editor; Editorial Office Director; Company Editor-in-Chief, Li Ma

Q1: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. When revising the manuscript, it is recommended that the author supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply PubMed, or a new tool, the RCA, of which data source is PubMed. RCA is a unique artificial intelligence system for citation index evaluation of medical science and life science literature. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>, or visit PubMed at: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>.

A1: Thanks for your carefully reading and we feel indebted for your reminder. We have applied PubMed to update the cited articles. We supplement and improve our work by citing articles from the latest cutting-edge research findings

Production Editor; Science Editor; Editorial Office Director, Jia-Ru Fan

1 Scientific classification: Grade B. 2 Language classification: Grade A. 3 Specific comments:

Q1: Please provide the Biostatistics statement.

A1: Thanks for your reminder and we agree with it. We have statisticians who do statistics, our team has published many articles and had rich statistical experience. So,

we did not need to get the Biostatistics Review Certificate. We have already uploaded the Biostatistics statement.

Q2: Please provide the Institutional review board statement.

A2: Thanks for your reminder and we agree with it. This study was approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University (2022-K205). We have already uploaded the Institutional review board statement.

Q3: Please provide the Informed consent statement.

A3: Thanks for your reminder and we agree with it. This study is a retrospective study, and the patients is come from a teaching hospital of the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University. When we deliver the ethics application, we have also delivered application for exemption of informed consent, and This study was approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University (2022-K205). We have already uploaded the Informed consent statement.

Q4: Please provide the Language certificate. The English-language grammatical presentation needs to be improved to a certain extent. There are many errors in grammar and format, throughout the entire manuscript. Before final acceptance, the authors must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

A4: Thanks for your reminder and we agree with it. Thanks for your careful reading and we feel indebted for your reminder. To improve the grammar and style of our study, we asked American Journal Experts (AJE) for help. The manuscript was edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by one or more of the highly qualified native English-speaking editors at AJE. Based on the revisions, we revised some of the words and marked them in red. The editing certificate would be submitted as a supplementary document as “**Editing Certificate**”.

Q5: Please provide the Figures cited in the original manuscript in the form of PPT. All text can be edited, including A,B, arrows, etc. With respect to the reference to the Figure, please verify if it is an original image created for the manuscript, if not, please provide the source of the picture and the proof that the Figure has been authorized by the previous publisher or copyright owner to allow it to be redistributed. All legends are incorrectly formatted and require a general title and explanation for each figure. Such as Figure 1 title. A: ; B: ; C: .

A5: Thanks for your proposal. We have provided the figures cited in the original manuscript in PPT format and uploaded them.

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Q7: Please don't include any *, #, †, §, ‡, ¥, @...in your manuscript; Please use superscript numbers for illustration; and for statistical significance, please use superscript letters. Statistical significance is expressed as aP < 0.05, bP < 0.01 (P > 0.05 usually does not need to be denoted). If there are other series of P values, cP < 0.05 and dP < 0.01 are used, and a third series of P values is expressed as eP < 0.05 and fP < 0.01.

A7: We really appreciated your suggestion. We have removed *, #, from the manuscript. "@" is the content of the email address, and we cannot remove it. We have expressed the statistical significance is expressed as ^aP < 0.05, ^bP < 0.01 according to your suggestion.

Q 8: Abbreviations other than special types of words such as COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 are not allowed in the article title, and no more than 18 words are allowed. The title cannot start with "the, a, an".

A8: We feel indebted for your reminder. We have removed the "the" from the title.

Q9: Please add the Core tip section. The number of words should be controlled between 50-100 words.

A9: Thanks for your careful reading. We have added the Core tip section.

Q10: Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

A10: Thanks for your recommendation. We hope that the revised article is more attractive and clearly reading.

Author; Assistant Editor, Yun-XiaoJian Wu

Q1: Manuscript files are qualified and manuscript information is no problem.

A1: Thanks very much for your praise. We hope that the revised article is more attractive and clearly reading.

