

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your decision and constructive comments. Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have carefully considered the suggestion of reviewer and make some changes. We have tried our best to improve and made some changes in the manuscript. The responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

#### **Reviewer #1**

**Comment:** "All indexes used must be described to some extent highlighting the role of each in the pathological process of gastric cancer. This would be very useful to understand they were selected."

Response: The occurrence and development of gastric cancer is the result of a multi-factor, multi-phase, its prognosis is related with many factors, including patient related factors (such as gender, age, immune state), tumor related factors (such as tumor location, pathological types), treatment related factors (such as a surgical procedure and postoperative adjuvant therapy preoperatively), etc. A large number of case analyses and clinical trials have shown that pathological types, differentiation degree, tumor location, surgical method, age, gender, NLR and PLR are related to the prognosis of gastric cancer patients. Therefore, these indicators were included in this study to reduce selection bias. At the same time, these indicators are also very important in clinical practice.

**Comment:** "The authors must state if comorbidities were taken into account, and if so, which ones. It is well known that some comorbidities particularly, autoimmune diseases, and some metabolic diseases can clearly bias the indexes studied. "

Response: In the exclusion criteria of this study, patients who have some diseases that could interfere peripheral blood cells have been excluded, among which diseases include autoimmune diseases and infections. As for metabolic diseases such as diabetes and hyperlipidemia, gastric cancer patients with these diseases only account for a small proportion, so this study has not considered them yet. However, I will increase the number of patients in the future to make this nomogram more convincing.

**Comment:** "Thre are a lot of grammar in the manuscript. English must be revised."

Response: I have submitted my article to a professional language editing company for polishing.

#### **Reviewer #2**

**Comment:** "the language needs improvement."

Response: I have submitted my article to a professional language editing company for polishing.

**Comment:** "the References section needs to be in uniform styling."

Response: Thank you very much, I reformatted the references style in the manuscript.