

Dear editors and reviewers:

Thanks for your kind help. The reviewers gave us many useful suggestions and comments for our article, and we have revised one by one accordingly. In the revised manuscript, the important revision was that we corrected some grammar and word errors based on the helpful comments from reviewers.

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 B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: Manuscript #88652 Colonoscopy plays an important part in detecting colorectal neoplasm for patients with gastric neoplasm. Currently, more and more evidence is accumulating that the same risk factors can be associated with both the development of tumors of the stomach and colon. Given the high incidence of CRC and the importance of diagnosing this pathology at an early stage, identifying risk groups for CRC is undoubtedly an important task in oncology. The study authors demonstrate that patients with gastric tumors are at higher risk of developing colorectal cancer and colon adenomas. Moreover, the study noted that patients with gastric neoplasms who are male, older, smokers, and have an increased BMI have the highest risk of developing colorectal neoplasms. Thus, the results obtained allow a differentiated approach to the appointment of colonoscopy in patients with colorectal neoplasms. Despite the relevance of the study, there are several comments, more of a technical nature.

**Abstract**

Q1. Line 31. The authors may have used the wrong term “Discontent variables”. I believe that the authors meant “categorical variables”.

A1. We feel indebted for your carefully reading and reminder. We are very sorry that we wrote the wrong word, and we have corrected it. (Line 45)

Q2. Lines 31-32. The sentence “Discontent variables were expressed as odds ratio and 95% confidence intervals” is incorrect. Odds ratio determines whether there is a relationship between two variables.

A2. We are appreciated with your reminder. Actually, odds ratio is used to show the difference between two discontent variables. Therefore, we correct the expression. (Line 45-46)

Q3. Lines 48-50. In conclusion, it is worth noting that according to the results

obtained, colonoscopy for gastric tumors is also recommended for males and older people (it is optimal if the authors indicate which age is most associated with an increased risk of CRC)

A3. We are appreciated with your suggestion. Unfortunately, based on current data, we cannot indicate which age is most associated with an increased risk of CRC.

Introduction.

Q1. Line 59. "gastric polys".

A1. Thanks for your carefully reading and reminder. We are very sorry that we wrote the wrong word, and we have corrected it. (Line 90)

Materials and methods

Q1. Line 110-111. Please check at what NOS score the articles were classified as high-quality and low-quality.

A1. Thanks for your proposal. We re-read the Newcastle-Ottawa scale and found that there were mistakes in the previous expression of the assessment of the quality of studies. Now we have corrected it as follows: Nine score was regarded as high-quality, eight or seven score was regarded as median-quality, and lower than seven score was regarded as low-quality. (Line 144-145)

Q2. Line 113-114. Please clarify, did you determine "standard deviation" or "standardized difference" in statistical analysis? In the Abstract and in the Materials and Methods you provide different indicators.

A2. We are very sorry that we provided different indicators, now we have corrected them to standard deviation. (Line 149)

Q3. Line 114-115. Dichotomous variables cannot be expressed as odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (Cis).

A3. We are appreciated with your reminder. Actually, odds ratio is used to show the difference between two discontent variables. Therefore, we correct the expression. (Line 149-150)

Results.

Q1. Line 152. CNR?

A1. We feel indebted for your carefully reading and reminder. We are very sorry that we wrote the wrong word, and we have corrected it. (Line 190)

General remarks.

Q1. Authors should carefully check the manuscript for errors and typographical errors.

A1. Thanks for your advice. We have asked all authors to carefully check the manuscript for errors and typographical errors again.

**Reviewer #2:**

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors presented an interesting manuscript on the prevalence of colorectal cancer and precancerous diseases of the colon among patients with gastric cancer and other gastric neoplasms. The authors presented evidence of an increased prevalence of colorectal cancer among patients with gastric neoplasms. The manuscript is well illustrated. I agree with the recommendation to examine such patients with colonoscopy. I consider it necessary to change the category of the manuscript: from observational study to mini-review. The manuscript is recommended for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

A. Thanks for your approval. In this observation study, we collected a lot of data and analyzed it, and finally got a trustworthy outcome based on the analysis results. Thanks again for your approval.

Thanks for your kind help. According to your suggestions, we have revised one by one accordingly. We hope that the revised article is more attractive and clearly reading.

Journal editor-in-chief's review

Colonoscopy plays an important part in detecting colorectal neoplasm for patients with gastric neoplasm. Title: There is a grammatical error. It should be "Colonoscopy plays an important part in detecting colorectal neoplasm in patients with gastric neoplasm." Please change "for patients" to "in patients" The review raises an essential question in clinical practice and is well-designed; the methodology and methods used are well-described.

The conclusions made are based on evidence from the study results. However, there are grammatical problems throughout the manuscript. For example, "Gastric cancer (GC) and colorectal cancer (CRC) are the fifth and the third most common cancers worldwide", please add "the" and an s to cancer. Other errors have been noted as well. The whole manuscript needs editing in English.

Answer: Thank you very much for your valuable comment. The grammar throughout the manuscript has been reviewed and revised by native English speakers.