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We thank the associate editor for the favorable comments on our manuscript. We have made the necessary changes according to editor’ insightful critiques, and below are the point-by-point responses to the comments.

Replies to Associate Editor.

1. In the line 7 in page 11 "Some studies reported chemotherapy after stent placement contributed to longer durations of stent patency in gastric cancer patients", please give cited references for the description.

Reply: According to your suggestion, we added the cited references in manuscript (Page 15-16, Ref.19-20).

2. In the line 9 in page 17 "Others" should be revised as "Others".

Reply: We have amended the word.