Author's response to reviews

Title: Predictive Value of Preoperative Serum CCL2, CCL18, and VEGF for the Patients with Gastric Cancer

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Dear editor and reviewer,

We are very grateful to your and the reviewers’ critical comments and thoughtful suggestions. Based on these comments and suggestions, we have made careful responses and revised our original manuscript. All changes made to original manuscript are documented in the space provided.

Once again, we appreciate your comments and advice very much, which are valuable in enhancing the quality and impact of our work.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Yanong Wang

Here are our responses to the reviewers’ comments one-by-one.

**Reviewer’s comments and our responses**

**Reviewer 1**

**Comment 1** I am satisfied with the revised manuscript and the cover letter, and I think that the manuscript need no more correction.

**Response** Thank you

**Reviewer 2**

**Comment 1** The manuscript is well modified. However, I regrettably should say that
it is still immature for publication. In the present form, it is not possible to say that they respond correctly to our questions. First, they have not proven the novelty of their study. The authors surly discuss the significance to investigate the serum level of chemokine ligands and VEGF more in detail. Secondly, to develop this study, it is important to add the data which shows comparative analysis including clinically available tumor markers for gastric cancer, such as CEA, which might be acceptable as a supplemental data.

**Response** Thank you for your appreciation. We admit that there were some limitations in our manuscript. In our future study, we will consider add the data about other tumor markers such as CEA.

**Changes to original manuscript:**

I have used bold print to highlight the modifications in the revised manuscript.