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Dear editors,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript (BMGE-D-19-00110). We appreciate the concerns and suggestions provided by the reviewers, and have revised our manuscript accordingly.

We enclosed our point-to-point response to address the reviewers’ concerns in this letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Response: Thank you for your advice. We rewrote this part and represented authors' names using their initials. “Study design: HSW, ZBM and YSZ; Data acquisition and statistical analysis:
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Editor Comments:

The paper has been extensively revised and improved by authors. In particular, concerns regarding the actual clinical meaning of the better survival observed in T1 body-tail tumors (arised by reviewer 1 in his first comment), have been satisfactorily analyzed and discussed.

In the present form the paper is suitable for publication

Response: Thank you for your comments!

We appreciate the reviewers' warm and careful work earnestly. Your comments and suggestions helped us found out many mistakes and improved the quality of our manuscript. We made modification according to these comments and suggestions, and we hope that the correction will meet with your approval.

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