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Title: The Geriatric Nutritional Risk Index Independently Predicts Adverse Outcomes in Patients with Pyogenic Liver Abscess.

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Dear editor:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “The Geriatric Nutritional Risk Index Independently Predicts Adverse Outcomes in Patients with Pyogenic Liver Abscess” (ID:BGTC-D-18-00508). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as flowing:

1. Please confirm whether the medical records accessed and used in your study are available in public databases or whether permission was required for accessing them. If permission was obtained, please clearly state this in the Ethics approval section of your manuscript, including the name of the entity that granted permission to access.

   Availability of data and materials section, "The data that support the findings of this study are available from Institutional Review Board of the second affiliated hospital and Yuying Children's Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University but restrictions apply to the availability of these data, which were used under license for the current study, and so are not publicly available. Data are however available from the authors upon reasonable request and with permission of Institutional Review Board of the Second Affiliated Hospital and Yuying Children's Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University." was added.

2. Thank you for for providing information regarding participant consent. However, we noticed that you stated the author waived the requirement for written consent, but in the consent to publish section of the Declarations, you stated that participants agreed for publication of data in the study. Normally we expect the ethics committee to waive the need for consent, so we ask that you please clarify if the
Institutional Review Board approved the waiver of consent.

Consent to publish section, "Institutional Review Board of the Second Affiliated Hospital and Yuying Children's Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University approved the waiver of patients’ written informed consent. Not applicable" was added.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Chao Zhen