Author's response to reviews

Title: Preoperative neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio is an independent prognostic marker in patients with laryngeal squamous cell carcinoma

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Dear Editors:

We thank you for your comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Preoperative neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio is an independent prognostic marker in patients with laryngeal squamous cell carcinoma” (MS: 1755169606157600). Those comments are important for improving our manuscript. We have studied the comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope to meet with approval. The responses to those comments are as listed as follows.

**Essential Minor Revisions:**

1. Line 102: "Patients were accepted curative resection? - This sentence does not make sense. Maybe it was meant to say: ?Patients were treated with curative intent."

   **Response:** Thank you for your advice. We have revised it in the paper according to your suggestion. (line 102, page 5)

2) Line 110: Please add that all participants signed informed consent to participate in the study (if this is true).

   **Response:** Thanks for your advice. We have revised it in the revised manuscript. (line 111, page 6)
3. Methods: ?clinic stage? is ambiguous. Please use the term ?Overall Stage?. The first time this is mentioned the AJCC manual should be referenced.

Response: We are sorry to make this unclear. We refer to clinical stage here. We have revised it as term in the revised manuscript. And we added the reference in the revised manuscript. (line 94-95, page 4)

4) Results: ?Advanced T Classification? is ambiguous. I assume this means T3 and T4 tumors? Please clarify.

Response: We have made this clear in the revised manuscript. Your assumption is very true. Advanced T classification means T3 and T4 stage tumors in the study. We have added it in the revised manuscript. Thanks for your advice. (line 172, page 8)