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Response: We cited my previous study "The Impact of Surgery on Long-Term Survival of Patients with Primary Gastric Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma: A SEER Population-Based Study"1 and re-phrased the 'Patient selection' subsection of the 'Methods' section as you request.

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Response: The study was approved by the ethics committee of Fujian Union Hospital. We uploaded “Ethical Approval Document” in “Supplementary Material”.
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