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Title: Dynamic prediction of long-term survival in patients with primary gastric diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: A SEER population-based study

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Editor Comments:

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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 and Discussion sections as you request.

'Methods' section: The inclusion criteria which has been reported in our previous study1 were as follows:
Discussion sections: Our study had several limitations which has been reported in our previous study\(^1\) were as follows:

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Response: Because patient data in the SEER database were de-identified, signed informed consent was waived for the present study

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Response: We have revised the manuscript as you request.

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