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Dear editor,

Many thanks for your review our manuscript "Nomogram for predicting the survival of gastric adenocarcinoma patients who receive surgery and chemotherapy". Since there is no reviewers’ further comment, we have thoroughly revised our manuscript according to the editor comments. Please find below our point-by-point responses to the comments. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

We, all the authors, thank you very much. By the way, please let us know if you need any further information.
Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Xue-Qun Ren

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Authors' response: Thanks for your suggestion. We have approved in the manuscript as below:

CYW and JY was responsible for conception, design and quality control of this study. HZ, ZLZ, and BHL conducted data management, analysis and interpretation. CYW, YW, and ZG participated in statistical analyses. CYW, GXJ, JL, and XDL contributed to manuscript drafting and editing. XQR reviewed the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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