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Dear Editor:

We are grateful to the anonymous reviewers for their valuable comments and suggestions which help improve the quality of the paper. We have study the editors’ comments carefully and have made modifications and corrections which we hope meet their approval. We have revised the manuscript according to your kind advices and suggestions. Here below is our description on revision.
Dear Prof Chang-Ming,

Your manuscript "Prognostic Significance of Perigastric Tumor Deposits in Patients with Primary Gastric Cancer" (BSUR-D-17-00117R2) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Surgery, once you have carried out some essential editorial revisions:

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Response: We have provided the full name in the “Ethics” section of the revised manuscript.

2. We note the addition of a new authors, Jib-bin Wang and Mi Lin, since the original submission of the manuscript.

Response: JBW and ML assisted in drafting the manuscript and reviewed the article. We have added this information in the “Authors contributions” section.

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Response: We have renamed the “Patients and Methods” section to “Methods”.

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Reviewer reports:

Mikhail Tavobilov (Reviewer 1): There is a need for a language revision.

Response: This manuscript has been revised by a native English editor for American Journal Experts (AJE), and we have uploaded the editorial certificate file.

We have checked the manuscript and revised it according to the comments. We submit here the revised manuscript as well as a list of changes.

If you have any question about this paper, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Chang-Ming Huang