Author’s response to reviews

Title: Evaluation of D2-plus radical resection for gastric cancer with pyloric invasion

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscripts entitled “Evaluation of D2-plus radical resection for gastric cancer with pyloric invasion”. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope to meet with approval. Revised portions are marked in yellow in the paper.

We appreciated editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

The main correction in the paper and the responses to the reviewers’ comments are as follows:

Responses to the reviewers’ comments:
1. Response to comment: The last section of the abstract should be Trial Registration: listing the trial registry and the unique identifying number, e.g. Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials
ISRCTN73824458, as well as the date of registration. Please note that there should be no space between the letters and numbers of the trial registration number. If registration took place after the first participant was enrolled, please state also “Retrospectively registered” at the end of this section.
Response: Trial Registration was listed in the abstract.

2. Response to comment: Please provide some clarification regarding informed consent. Under methods you have stated 'All enrolled patients provided written informed consent before study entry.
Response: All enrolled patients provided written informed consent before study entry and showed that their permission to join in the study before treatment.

Response to comment: please can you clarify under 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' whether consent was obtained before participation. If this need for consent was waived by an ethics commitee, please clearly state this along with the reason why.
Response: This study obtained approval from the Ethics Committee of Zhejiang Cancer Hospital and First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang Chinese Medical University. Written informed consent was obtained from all patients who participated before participation. This trial was registered with the ClinicalTrials network (http://www.clinicaltrial.gov) as NCT01836991.

3. Response to comment: Overlap
https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0300060518802923
file:///C:/Users/MBP1672/AppData/Local/Temp/Kumagai2018_Article_SurvivalBenefitOfD2-plusGastre.pdf https://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/24/1/60/review_report
Response: The content of this article is different from the articles mentioned above. And in the “postoperative evaluation and follow up” section, we have revised and incited the previous article.

4. Response to comment: Authors contributions
Response: XDC and ZYX designed the study. XDC, ZYX, CH and YAD collected the data and performed the treatments. ZYX, CH, YAD, SQC, HL and LJW analyzed the data. YAD, LH, SQC, PFY and LJW convinced of the study, and participated in its design and coordination. CH and ZYX were responsible for writing the paper and for its supervision. All the authors contributed important intellectual content for the overall work. All authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

5. Response to comment: Availability of Data and Materials
Response: The datasets used and analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

6. Response to comment: Funding
Response: All funding mentioned in the article support the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

7. Response to comment: Consent for Publication
Response: Not Applicable

8. Response to comment: cite
Response: all figures/tables and supplementary files are cited within the text.

9. Response to comment : Formatting-- Please insert and abbreviations header. -- Please remove the
Response: abbreviations header: D2-plus radical resection
Editorial certificate was removed.
Thank you for the kind revision suggestion, and we look forward to your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Xiangdong Cheng