

Dear reviewer 1:

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to review our manuscript!

Here are my reply and amendment to your advice

1. It provides a potential new prognostic tool, PII score to prognosticate gastric ca undergoing resection. This being a retrospective study could be limited by missing data, recall, selection bias etc. It would probably need validation in a prospective trial. Importantly it provides a prognostic tool which could be studied in prospective trials to see if it can also be predictive marker in addition to just being a prognostic marker, ie to be able to help in deciding escalating versus de escalating treatment for high risk versus low risk patients respectively.

Response: Thank you for the advice, and we think your point is very valuable and will follow up with prospective studies to be considered.

Dear reviewer 2

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1. Li and his colleagues introduced a novel PI score and nomogram to classify its significance in clinical use. However, external validation set should be used to further declare its significance.

Response: Thank you for the advice, and thank you for your affirmation of this article, external validation may not be possible for a short follow-up period, but we are subsequently considering a multicenter prospective study.