Dear President,

I am submitting our revised manuscript entitled, “Is Surgery the Best Treatment for Elderly Gastric Cancer Patients? (NO.: 68570, Minireviews)” for your kind consideration of its suitability for publication in “World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery”.

I found your comments most helpful, and have revised the manuscript as suggested by reviewers. Enclosed you find a point-by-point responses to critiques from you and the reviewers.

I believe that our revised manuscript has been improved by revisions, and satisfy the reviewer’s concern. I hope that revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in “World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery”.

Sincerely yours,

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Comments to the Editor,
We have mostly accepted two reviewers' comment and revised out manuscript accordingly.

RESPONSE TO Science editor:
Comment: In the discussion, the authors list Helicobacter pylori infection as the most important cause of GC. Yet, the role of Helicobacter pylori infection in the pathogenesis of gastric cancer (GC) is not fully established.
Response: We appreciate the reviewer's comment on this point. The sentence that Helicobacter pylori is the main cause of gastric cancer was deleted, and the sentence that H. pylori might be more like a commensal and an opportunistic pathogen was added according to the suggestion.

Comment 2: I found the authors have added the PMID and DOI in the reference list, but not in a right order. Please revise throughout.
Response: We have revised the PMID and DOI in the reference list.

Comment 3: Abstract, key words and core tip should be added to the manuscript.
Response: Abstracts, keywords, and core chips have been added to the manuscript.

RESPONSE TO Company editor-in-chief:
Comment: The author must add a table/figure to the manuscript.
Response: We have added the table to the manuscript.