

their multivariable logistic regression model, which indicates that at least 50 patients with PPCs are needed in the low-risk/long-distance and moderate-risk/short-distance groups to calculate the OR for PPCs. In their study, only 13 patients with PPCs were included in the two groups. Similarly, the authors calculated ORs for postoperative cardiopulmonary complications in other groups using the less-than-ideal sample size. Due to these concerns, the findings in this study should be interpreted cautiously.

In summary, if the surgical approach and duration of surgery are not balanced in the baseline characteristics, these elements should be considered in the analysis of postoperative outcomes. We also recommend the inclusion of a large number of patients with postoperative complications in future studies to produce robust results and generalize their findings.

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Response

To the Editor:

We agree with Zhou et al that we need to consider the surgical approach in the multivariable logistic regression model, but we did not adjust for it because it was highly correlated with pathologic stage, which we already included in the multivariable adjusted model.¹ Also, it

was difficult for us to adjust all surgical factors including duration of surgery considering the relatively small number of patients who experienced postoperative cardiopulmonary complications as Zhou et al pointed out. Further study with a larger sample would be necessary to confirm our study findings.

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Impact of Multidisciplinary Team Meetings and Decision-Making on Cancer Management in Lower and Middle Income Countries



To the Editor:

Our team wishes to forward our comment on a study previously published in *CHEST* (December 2020).¹ We do commend the original academic work conducted by the authors of this study. With all due respect, our team wishes to register our difference of opinion that is based mainly on the fundamental message that is being conveyed unintentionally to the specialists serving in the developing world. In our humble opinion, it is imperative to comment on the inferences drawn from