Introducing *Research Communications* to the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

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On behalf of the Editorial team of *The Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery (JOGS)*, we are pleased to announce a new article type: Research Communications. Research Communications are peer-reviewed, *condensed* original research that focuses on clinical or basic science. We believe that this new article type will help serve our readership and reflects our mission to keep surgeons updated on the latest research in gastrointestinal surgery.

Over the years, the number of submissions to *JOGS* has steadily risen, increasing by over 20% in the past two years! We receive a significant number of submissions that report on high-quality research that may not be suitable for publication as an original research article. We believe that this new mode of publication will help our readership keep up to date with highly relevant and cutting edge findings in the field of gastrointestinal surgery.

Research Communications will include important, but brief and straightforward, results. These articles will not exceed 600 words and do not have an abstract. This article type should have a limit of seven authors, six references, and two figures or tables.

We are pleased to present our first Research Communication, “Does Adjuvant Chemotherapy Improve

Survival in T3N0 Rectal Cancer? An Evaluation of Use and Outcomes from the National Cancer Database (NCDB)”¹. The results presented in this article point to the importance of pathologic circumferential resection margin, quality of total mesorectal excision, and resection margins as prognostic factors associated with oncologic outcomes in T3N0 rectal cancer patients. Importantly, the findings suggest that adjuvant chemotherapy may not be needed in all T3N0 rectal cancer patients.

We encourage you to submit findings that are appropriate to this article type to the journal.

Reference

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