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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS manuscript-NO1010-edited.doc).

We have revised the manuscript in response to the reviewer's comments; all changes in the manuscript are indicated in red. The manuscript was checked by the professional English language editing service, which is edanz group Ltd (<http://www.edanzediting.com>).

Title: Mucosal-incision assisted biopsy for suspected gastric gastrointestinal stromal tumors

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Recently, single-incision needle-knife biopsy (de la Serna-Higuera C, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2011;74:672-6) and partial snare resection technique (Lee CK, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2010;71:188-94) were introduced as alternative methods for the diagnosis of gastric subepithelial lesions. Please, discuss it.

Thank you so much for the suggestions. According to your suggestions, We have replaced the sentences, "Therefore, there has been an interest in developing an alternative modality for tissue sampling of suspected GIST. Reasonably, we have become interested in using ESD-associated techniques for tissue sampling of suspected GIST instead of using EUS-FNA as recently shown by Lee *et al* [8]. "

The new paragraph lead: "Therefore, there has been an interest in developing **alternative modalities** for tissue sampling of suspected GIST. **In this situation, endoscopic partial snare resection using unroofing technique [10] and EUS-guided single-incision needle-knife biopsy [11] have been developed and reported for tissue sampling of SMTs. More recently, ESD-associated**

techniques has been reported [8] and we have become interested in using this method for tissue sampling of suspected GIST instead of using EUS-FNA."

- (2) It would be better to provide procedure time.

Thank you so much for the comments. According to your suggestion, the procedure time was described in the Case report. We have replaced the sentences, "No procedure-related complications (including uncontrolled bleeding or perforation) were observed" with:

"The mean procedure time was 32.0 ± 2.4 min and no procedure-related complications (including uncontrolled bleeding or perforation) were observed."

- (3) On Page 6, 6th sentence; "In 24 patients with diagnostic MAIB, all of the lesions had intraluminal growth patterns." MIAB was diagnostic in 23 patients?

Thank you so much for the comments. As you pointed out, MIAB was diagnostic in 23 patients. Accordingly, We have replaced the sentence, "In 24 patients with diagnostic MIAB, all of the lesions had intraluminal growth patterns" with:

"In 23 patients with diagnostic MIAB, all of the lesions had intraluminal growth patterns"

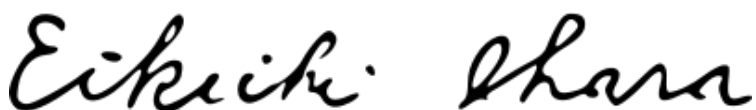
- (4) A spelling error in table 2, Leiomyoma (n=4)

Thank you much for the comment. According to your suggestion, we have replaced "Leiomyoma (n=4)" with "Leiomyoma (n=4)".

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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