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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15404-edited.doc).

Title: SLITRK3 expression correlation to gastrointestinal stromal tumor risk rating and prognosis.

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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 editor

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- (1) Institutional Review Board (IRB) statement. The ethics approval document(s)/letter(s) must be provided in a PDF format, and each statement must also be mentioned as a footnote in the manuscript text.

Response: The required statement is being submitted together with revised manuscript. In the text, the ethic approve was mentioned in methods as “Clinical materials and samples were obtained with approval from the Ethical Committees, Renji Hospital, and Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine.”

- (2) Clinical trial registration. The registration information must be provided in a PDF format, and the registered URL and registration identification number must also be mentioned as a footnote in the manuscript text.

Response: This study was not a registered clinical trial. Most parts except for the verification cohort was performed in a retrospective manner therefore no registration information is available.

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Response: The required statement is being submitted together with revised manuscript. In the text, it was mentioned in methods as “Written informed

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Response: The required statement files have been acquired and submitted together with revised manuscript. In text, it was mentioned as “*All the statistical analysis has been reviewed and confirmed by Zhigang Zhang.*”.

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Response: The required statement has been acquired and is being submitted together with revised manuscript. In text, it was mentioned as “*The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest*”.

- (6) Data sharing statement. This file must be signed by the corresponding author and provided in a PDF format, and the statement must also be mentioned as a footnote in the manuscript text.

Response: The required statement has been acquired and is being submitted together with revised manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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Sincerely yours,

Hui Cao