

Answer to Reviewers

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1615-Review

Title: Tumor rupture during surgery for gastrointestinal stromal tumors: pay attention!

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

1 Format has been updated: core tip has been added.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 0070919 and the following sentences have been added to the text:

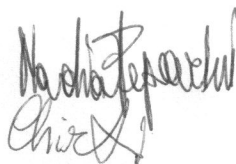
GISTs may be soft and fragile because of intratumoral hemorrhage and/or necrosis; anyway they are surrounded by a pseudocapsule that should not be torn during surgery to avoid intra-abdominal seeding. From technical point of view, enucleation of GIST implies that the plane of dissection is conducted along the pseudocapsule with no distance margin on the entire surface of the tumor - i.e. ,at best R1 surgery - or rather, enucleation maximizes the risks of microscopic residual tumor (R1) and tumor rupture.

3 References and typesetting were corrected; reference n. 9 has been added.

A track changes review file has been included.

Sincerely yours,

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