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Dear Editor,

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Title: A gist of gastrointestinal stromal tumors: A review

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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) REVIEWER COMMENT: Small GIST of stomach could be managed conservatively with regular surveillance; however, endoscopic resection would be another option. There are several reports regarding these results. Please add this statement to the 'Management' section with some references

REPLY: We thank the reviewer for the very insightful suggestion. This has been appended with references in the appropriate section of the manuscript.

(2)REVIEWER COMMENT: Also laparoscopic or open resection could be TOC in larger (>2cm) GIST with malignant potential. Recent studies also show that combined modality (laparoscopy + endoscopic resection) would be good treatment modality in some patients, who had tumor at cardia or high gastric body

REPLY: There is indeed a role for a combined laparoscopic -endoscopic procedure in especially in proximal gastric GISTs. This has been added to the manuscript along with appropriate references.

We again thank the reviewer for taking the time and reviewing our manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*

Sincerely yours,

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