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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8623-review revised.doc).

Title: An updated review of gastric cancer in the next-generation sequencing era: insights from bench to bedside and vice versa

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We have extensively revised our manuscript based on the editor's and peer-reviewers' comments and on current progress in research in the relevant field.

Major comments

- 1) We have added data obtained using next-generation sequencing in gastric cancer and extensively revised the text for readers to find a mainline to understand the full text.
- 2) We have revised the text such that coherence between the various parts are good enough. We have explained clearly the relationship between targeted drug therapy and next-generation sequencing.

Minor comments

- 1) In the introduction section, we have added a brief introduction for next-generation sequencing.
- 2) In the conclusion section, we have added discussion and analysis of genes discovered by next-generation sequencing without laboratory and clinical researches.
- 3) We have deleted the Figure 3. Following the text, we have appropriately replaced MINT25 with Sox17 in new Figure 3.

Following the Revision Policies for Topic Highlight, we have revised the manuscript and added the references (72 in total). The manuscript has been edited by the American Journal Experts.

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

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