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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word Format (file name: 6870-edited-revised.docx).

Title: Pathohistological Classification Systems in Gastric Cancer: Diagnostic Relevance and Prognostic Value

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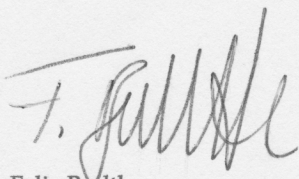
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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

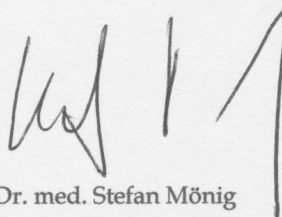
1. Format has been updated
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (No. 02445571), we tried to be more distinct about a recommendation for the classification of gastric cancer and the future trends. We conclude that ".as long as there is no widely accepted classification system with prognostic independence, both the Laurén and the WHO classification systems should continue to be used so that data presented in different studies can be compared. Such comparisons are important in order to segregate subgroups of patients with certain clinical features or different outcomes."
3. References and typesetting were corrected
4. The manuscript underwent language polishing in respect of the recommendation in the BPG's Revision Policies for Topic Highlight
5. The abstract has been complemented, a core tip has been created as well as the running title, author contributions and keywords
6. The names "Mönig", and "Hölscher" have been replaced by "Moenig" and "Hoelscher" as the letter "ö" does not exist in other languages.

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

Sincerely yours,



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