

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11478-review.doc).

**Title:** Primary gastrointestinal stromal tumor of the liver treated with sequential therapy

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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) Was any biopsy of the tumor performed prior to resection?**

No. The patient refused to take a biopsy of the tumor before resection.

**(2) Were EGD and colonoscopy performed prior to resection to exclude metastatic tumor?**

Yes. EGD and colonoscopy were performed before resection and no tumor was found. This part has been revised in the article.

**(3) Did you consider neoadjuvant imatinib administration?**

No. According to the literature, tumour mutation analysis and longitudinal imaging should be done to identify patients who do not benefit from preoperative imatinib. In this case, biopsy of the tumor and mutation analysis were not performed prior to resection, which makes it difficult to consider neoadjuvant imatinib administration.

**(4) The authors demonstrated that only 6 cases of primary hepatic GIST were published previously. To my knowledge, however, this may be not correct. Louis et al reported a hepatic GIST in 2013. They indicated that 6 cases were published in the English literature. After then, Kim et al also reported a case in 2014. In addition, for example, Terada reported 31 cases of GIST with a case of hepatic GIST. Thus, the authors should take into account the above references.**

We have to admit that it is not rigorous to demonstrate that only 6 cases of primary hepatic GIST were published previously. This part has been revised in the article.

**(5) In discussion it would be helpful if the authors mention the differential diagnosis (primary and metastasis).**

This part has been revised in the article.

**(6) It would be improved if the authors can provide the figures of surgical specimens.**

It is regrettable that there are no figures of surgical specimens

**(7) Did the authors perform an upper and lower endoscopy in the workup of this lesion? As we**

**know a CT scan may have missed a small GIST.**

Yes. EGD and colonoscopy were performed before resection and no tumor was found. This part has been revised in the article.

**(8)Was the liver resection a non-anatomic resection?**

No. It was an anatomic resection.

**(9)Was intraoperative Ultrasound performed to rule out other liver lesions?**

No. Postoperative abdomen ultrasound revealed no other lesions in the liver.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ji-Ren Yu". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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