

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS Manuscript NO: 12321).

Title: Gastric myeloid sarcoma without acute myeloblastic leukemia

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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) Approximate sizes of the tumors involving stomach, pancreas, bile duct, omentum, lymph node and bone by FDG-PET-CT may better be shown.

Thanks for the excellent suggestion. We have illustrated the sizes of the tumors involving stomach, pancreas, bile duct, omentum, lymph node and bone ahead of chemotherapy (yellow label), and the tumors disappearance after chemotherapy by FDG-PET-CT.

(2) Authors should demonstrate the evidence showing that the primary site was the stomach. How about pancreas, bile duct, omentum, lymph node and bone as the possible primary site?

I appreciate the favorite comment. Myeloid sarcomas consist of extramedullary blasts proliferation from one or more myeloid lineages, however, so far without any useful biomarker is able to determine the source of tumor cells. So, we revised the title in revised version.

(3) Discussion, Page 6, line 20: "myeloproliferative diseases" should be "myeloproliferative neoplasms" and "myelodysplastic disorders" should be "myelodysplastic syndromes".

I apologize for the confusion. We have revised the confusions in Discussion (yellow label).

(4) More histopathologic images should be added.

Thanks for the constructive comments. We have shown the histopathologic results in biopsy of the body of stomach after chemotherapy. The results indicated that a few lymphocytes infiltration were

observed without atypical cells and MPO expression (yellow label). In consideration of saving space, we did not show these histopathologic images.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bin', followed by a series of fluid, connected loops and a final horizontal stroke.

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