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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13990-Review.doc).

Title: Neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy followed by D2 gastrectomy in locally advanced gastric cancer

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

1. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Introduction, last paragraph "... CRT in patients treated ...": delete "who"

We clarify your comment as follows:

Page 5. Introduction, last paragraph

"... adjuvant CRT in patients treated with D2 gastrectomy..."

(2) Page 12, paragraph 4: "Of 18 patients who received surgery, 17...": delete "radical"

We clarify your comment as follows:

Page 7. In treatment response and respectability after NACRT section, paragraph 3,

Of the 18 patients who underwent surgery, 17 patients (94.4%) ...

(3) Page 16 Authors should state if treatment related toxicity caused drop out from planned surgery or not. This is important on an intention to treat basis.

We clarify your comment as follows:

Page 9. In treatment-related toxicity section, paragraph 2, last sentence was added.

Any treatment related toxicity did not cause drop out from planned surgery.

(4) page 17, last paragraph: "... , tumor cells those were exposed ...". "who" better "than" those ?

We clarify your comment as follows:

Page 9, Discussion, paragraph 4,

After the tumor cells exposed to the peritoneum or near lymphatics were treated with NACRT, they underwent necrosis and were covered with fibrous tissue. The fibrous tissue may prevent the spread of tumor cells in the peritoneum. Therefore, patients treated with NACRT developed peritoneal carcinomatosis less frequently than those without NACRT.

2. Figure legend for figure 1 was corrected.

Page 17,

C: Bulky regional node metastasis; D: Invasion of the distal esophagus.

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

Best regards,

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