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Dear Editor,

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Title: **Hepatic paraganglioma and multifocal gastrointestinal stromal tumor in a female: Incomplete Carney triad**

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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) How long is the follow-up visits?

There was no recurrence during one year follow-up. We wrote it in main document.

(2) why they did not perform a biopsy of the PET negative lesion of the liver? Did they perform molecular analysis of the tumor to research PDGFR /KIT mutations? If the authors suspected a metastatic GIST, why they chose surgery instead of imatinib as front line approach?

In resectable case of GIST, percutaneous biopsy for liver lesion had substantial risk of tumor cell spillage through needle track. And the tumor was located just beside the IVC, so percutaneous biopsy was considered to be difficult and risky for this patient. Therefore, we performed total gastrectomy with resection of liver tumor simultaneously without preoperative pathologic confirmation of liver lesion.

Gene study was not done because we considered it was not helpful for the patient at that time. Immunohistochemical stain for CD117 showed strong positivity in this tumor. If the surgery was not curative in this patients, we should have analysed gene mutation because mutation analysis could predict prognosis for antibody therapy.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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