

*Question 1: Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) should be Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs) or Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) ;*

*Answer 1:* We have changed “Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST)” to “Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST)” in the manuscript, and we revised the sentence.

*Question 2: According to Du et al. (9) should be According to the study by Du et al. (9);*

*Answer 2:* We have changed “According to Du et al.” to “According to the study by Du et al.” in the manuscript, and we also revised the manuscript totally to changed the same mistakes.

*Question 3: Rusu et al.(18) and Hie CA et al.(19) demonstrated that ICC-like cells are... "are" should be "were";*

*Answer 3:* We have revised this mistake in the manuscript.

*Question 4: In limitation part, the authors should also discuss the demographic heterogeneity across different studies.*

*Answer 4:* We have added the discussion about the demographic heterogeneity across different studies in the limitation part. Thank you for your valuable advice.