

## Round 1

Dear Editor and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Gastric Plexiform Fibromyxoma: A case report and review of literature" (ID:56908). Those comments are very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked red in the paper. The main corrections and responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #1:

1. Response to comment: There is no mention of endoscopic findings and histological findings on preoperative biopsy.

Response: We have made changes in the "treatment" section of the article (marked in red in the paper). No tumor was found in the physical examination one year ago. Considering the rapid growth of the tumor and the possibility of malignant tumor , the doctor did not perform preoperative biopsy and performed laparoscopic radical distal gastrectomy plus Roux-en-Y gastrojejunostomy.

2. Response to comment: The authors shall clearly state the reasons of preoperative diagnosis.

Response: Gastric space-occupying lesions (outside the cavity growth) are mostly considered as gastric stromal tumors in clinic, because gastric stromal tumors are common in general surgery. Therefore, the first diagnosis has been misdiagnosed. This also shows that gastric plexiform fibromyxoma is rare.

Reviewer #2:

1. Response to comment: a format of Images in type could be a solution.

Response: The images type has been changed

2. Response to comment: Standard requirements should be fulfilled: page numbering.

Response: Page number has been added to the footer

3. Response to comment: Long and complex sentences could be simplified (1 idea/1 sentence): "Histology showed the tumor cells //", "The case showed focal positivity //", "According to the results of pathology //", similar).

Response: Long and complex sentences have been changed in the "abstract" section and marked red in the paper.

4. Response to comment: The size of the tumor should be noted in the Abstract.

Response: The size of the tumor has been added to the summary.( marked red in the paper.)

5. Response to comment: Did the tumor show necrosis?

Response: The tumor was not necrosis. We have added in the "Pathology and immunohistochemistry" section of the article (marked red in the paper).

6. Response to comment: Was the tumor detected at clinical examination? on imaging procedures?

Response: The author has added clinical examination to "Physical examination upon admission", "Laboratory examinations" and "Imaging examinations" section.

7. Response to comment: Examples of words/phrases to revise "of the stomach especially in the gastric anttrum"

Response: It has been changed in "abstract"

8. Response to comment: "Our patient" the present case, the patient (1 case report, understood that the same patient) "plus" and?

Response: "Our patient" has been changed to "The patient" in the "abstract" section.

9. Response to comment: "SMA" smooth muscle actin

Response: We have made changes in the paper

10. Response to comment: "The case showed focal positivity for S-100" the tumor can show positivity for S-100 protein

Response: "focal" has been deleted in the "abstract" section.

11. Response to comment: "45-year-old male." male patient?

Response: "45-year-old male" has been changed to "45-year-old male patient" in the "Chief complaints" section.

12. Response to comment: "the density within the tumor was not uniform" heterogeneous density?

Response: "the density within the tumor was not uniform" has been changed to "the tumor showed heterogeneous density" in the "Imaging examinations" section

13. Response to comment: avoid repetitive words in a same paragraph "the patient".

Response: The repetitive words has been correct.

14. Response to comment: Figures: indicators (arrows) could be added to the photographs.

Response: The indicators(arrows) has been added in CT images.

**Science Editor:**

1. Response to comment: The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents.

Response: The pictures has been replaced with the original pictures

2. Response to comment: The “Case Presentation” section was not written according to the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation. Please re-write the “Case Presentation” section, and add the “FINAL DIAGNOSIS”, “TREATMENT”, and “OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP” sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision.

Response: The “Case Presentation” has been re-written.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And here we did not list the changes but marked in red in revised paper. We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Round-2

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Reviewer #1:

1. Response to comment: Examples of parts to reformulate for the Abstract "Usually" rarely used for scientific documents, terms use "More frequently".

Response: It has been changed in "Abstract" and marked red in the paper.

2. Response to comment: The patient was admitted to hospital, due to a 1-week history of an abdominal space-occupying lesion identified during a health examination. Response: It has been changed to "The patient was admitted to hospital, due to 1-week history of an abdominal space-occupying lesion identified during a health examination." (delete "a")

3. Response to comment: The authors should note the clinical complaints and their duration (if available).

Response: The clinical complaints have been added to History of present illness (marked red in the paper.)

4. Response to comment: They should add precise information of the diagnostic procedures: type of imaging procedure (CT scan, ultrasound examination, other). The size of the tumor should also be noted.

4 Response: The diagnostic procedures have been added to Imaging examinations. (marked red in the paper.)

5. Response to comment: A conclusion should be formulated. Response: Added "conclusion" at the end of "Imaging examinations".

6. Response to comment: Other examples of words/phrases to revise "The boundaries of the tumor are unclear" "Here we describe one case //" report one case "An enhanced CT scan" CT scan with contrast substance injection?

Response: To correct the above error and marked red in the paper.

7. Response to comment: "To date, 121 cases have been reported" To date, to the knowledge of the authors/as searched on the following databases (journals, internet databases, other) Response: References have been added. (marked red in the paper.)

8. Response to comment: "one year ago" one year previously "WHO adopted the opinion of Miettinen and others" avoid repetitive "occur/occurrence" "invades the submucosa and muscularis" "in the literature" medical literature? "and some of it is translucent" "appears to grow in multiple sections" avoid "It is" sentence Response: To correct the above error and marked red in the paper.

9. Response to comment: "The authors believe that the positive expression of A-100 //" please reformulate and note reference number "leiomyoma cells have the characteristics of an eosinophilic cytoplasm //" leiomyoma cell have eosinophilic cytoplasm sentence Response: we didn't find the relevant medical literature by we consulted, and we changed the relevant parts.

10. Response to comment: "Surgeons must cooperate //" too general, please reformulate Response: To correct the above error and marked red in the paper.

11. Response to comment: "Plexiform fibromyxoma has good biological behavior." too general, biological evolution? "and no cases have confirmed that malignant transformation will not occur" too general, please add reference number "longitudinal observation" Response: To correct the above error and marked red in the paper.

Science Editor: 1. Response to comment: Please write the "conclusion" section at the end of the main text. Response: The "conclusion" section has been added. We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And here we did not list the changes but marked in red in revised paper. We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

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Reviewer: 1. The co-corresponding author is not allowed. Please confirm which one is the corresponding author, Lin-Lin Qu or Zu-Sen Wang. Response: After discussion, **we changed the co-corresponding author to Lin-Lin Qu.**

2. Response to comment: The "abstract" section does not meet our requirements: Abstract should include background, case summary, and conclusion. The Abstract will be structured into the following sections, adhering to the word count thresholds indicated in parentheses: BACKGROUND (no more than 80 words) What does this case report add to the medical literature? Why did you write it up? CASE SUMMARY (no more than 150 words) What were the chief complaints, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes? CONCLUSION (no more than 20 words) What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case? Please revise.

Response: To correct the above error and marked red in the paper.

3. Response to comment: Main text of case report. The main text contains Introduction, Case presentation, Final diagnosis, Treatment, and Outcome and follow up, Discussion, and conclusion. Please change your order. "Final diagnosis" section is before the "Treatment" section.

Response: We have adjusted the sequence of the "Main text".

4. Response to comment: The "conclusion" section is necessary, please add this section. Response: The "conclusion" section has been added. ( marked red in

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