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Dear Editor:

A revised version of the manuscript titled “**Solitary peritoneal metastasis from a gastrointestinal stromal tumor: A case report**” has been uploaded to the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. This is a resubmission of a previously submitted manuscript with the manuscript ID 57032. We appreciate your and the reviewers’ time and efforts spent in reviewing our manuscript and providing valuable comments. We have addressed your concerns and comments and made the corresponding revisions in the manuscript. As shown below, your and the reviewers’ comments are indicated in bold font, and our answers are indicated in the standard font style.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Response to reviewers' comments

Reviewer 1 comment

. The structure of manuscript is in keeping with the common required criteria. The topic of the work is very actual, because solitary peritoneal metastasis of gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) is very rare. Appropriate treatment strategy has not been established. Authors reported a 76-year-old woman, who was diagnosed with stomach GIST and underwent laparoscopic local resection. As the recurrence risk was intermediate, adjuvant imatinib therapy was not administered. Two years after surgery, routine computed tomography revealed an abdominal mass between the dorsal side of the right hepatic lobe and right kidney. Laparoscopic observation showed that the tumor was located at the retroperitoneum, and intraperitoneal dissemination was not found. Therefore, the authors performed laparoscopic tumor resection. The patient was treated adjuvant imatinib therapy. There was no evidence of recurrence 3 years after the operation. Work is clearly legible, brings summarizes new knowledge. The citations are actual and their format respect usual standards. This is the first reported case of solitary recurrence GIST in the peritoneum that was treated with complete laparoscopic resection. The conclusion reflects the author's results and these can be accepted. I recommend the manuscript to be published.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

Reviewer 2 comment

Not interesting manuscript.

Response

We are sorry to hear that you found the case report uninteresting. This report describes a rare case of solitary peritoneal recurrence of GIST. In most cases, intraperitoneal recurrence of GIST involves multiple recurrent tumors, and thus, there have been few case reports in the literature regarding solitary recurrences in the abdominal wall and at the port-site. Moreover, there have been no reports of solitary peritoneal metastasis other than those

involving recurrence at the wound site or port-site. In the absence of an established treatment strategy, we laparoscopically resected the peritoneal metastasis from GIST and subsequently administered adjuvant imatinib therapy. There was no evidence of recurrence for 3 years post-operation. This case report documents a rare presentation and outcome; therefore, we think that we present new knowledge that will be useful for GIST treatment in the future. We hope that you will reconsider your interest in this manuscript.

Editor's suggestions

I. The authors need to update the references.

Response

We searched for papers relevant to the content of our report in PubMed and cited them in the manuscript. Thus, four references (Reference No. 1, 2, 15, and 17) have been changed to cite the latest papers published in 2020.

II. Issues raised:

- (1) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.**

Response

We have prepared the figures using PowerPoint and have uploaded the file as an Image File.

- (2) I found the "Case Presentation" did not meet our requirements. Please re-write the "Case Presentation" section, and add "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" section to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision.**

Response

We apologize that the manuscript was not written according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision. We have re-structured the case presentation section and added the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS," "TREATMENT," and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text.