

Dear editors and reviewers,

Thank you for your efforts and advice. Here is the point-to-point response.

Reviewer #1: 1. Please provide a table for overall description of patients at PKUPH before comparison. 2. For literature patients, do not write as 'in our study' 3. Please minimize duplication of contents of table in the text 4. Improve the discussion, avoid using too many percentages.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your advice.

Comment 1: Due to the rules of BPG (Tables larger than two pages will be published as online-only supplementary material), we have added a table (Supplementary Material 3) contains detailed information about patients with MGIST from PKUPH.

Comment 2, 3, and 4: We have revised the whole article carefully according to the comments 2, 3, and 4.

Reviewer #2: September 23, 2020 Review for World Journal of Gastroenterology Manuscript "Clinical features and therapeutic strategies of multiple gastrointestinal stromal tumors (MGIST): A pooling analysis combined with evidence and gap" This is an exceptionally zealously searched and comprehensive review of the two rare disease entities, in particular, MGIST. Authors undertook an impressive literature search for the reports in the world and examined in the detail to identify the rare disease, MGIST which was often misdiagnosed as metastatic GIST. The misdiagnosis may result in the inappropriate management for patients with MGIST. The authors tried to establish definite diagnosis of MGIST since the different treatment may be necessary for MGIST. From the 43 publications they studied, 12 patients with MGIST were identified among the potential 161 patients examined. Based on their multiple and detailed data of the patients and others described in this manuscript, it is hopeful that a clear guideline for diagnosis and proper management for MGIST would be produced. It is an extensive survey and the authors are commended for their efforts.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your advice. We have made the modification according to your comments.

Overall, we are really grateful to both the editors and reviewers for your work.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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