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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We would like to thank you and the reviewers of the *World Journal of Clinical Cases* for taking the time to review our article. We have made corrections and clarifications in the manuscript after going over the reviewers' comments.

### **Responses to reviewers' comments**

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The finding of this case report is attractive and stress the wider application of cfDNA in detection of gastric cancer. More cases of gastric cancer detected with this method will make better sense in this conclusion.

**Re> We would like to thank you for taking your time to review our article. In our hospital, we use cfDNA NGS as a routine diagnostic tool for detecting somatic mutations including fusions from various types of cancer. The accuracy of cfDNA NGS has been proven by external quality control assessment. We decided to report this case because true EGFR-SEPT14 fusion has not been yet reported in gastric cancer worldwide. We hope to accumulate more data about the EGFR fusion on gastric cancer so we can expand the treatment options for it.**

We hope the revised manuscript will better meet the requirements of your journal for publication. We thank the editor and the reviewers of the *World Journal of Clinical Cases* once again for the constructive review of our paper.

Sincerely,

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