

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Enclosed is the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6285-review.doc).

**Title:** Gastric cancer stem cells in gastric carcinogenesis, progression, treatment, and prevention: a review

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We have revised the manuscript according to the suggestions and comment of the reviewers:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

3. All changes are marked in red.

Comment 1:

1) In the cancer stem cell hypothesis, a small subpopulation of cancer cells is responsible for carcinogenesis/progression and its treatment/prevention. Based on the cancer stem cell model, the authors should try to discuss metastasis process that is considered a highly inefficient process contributing only a small subpopulation of cancer cells.

Thank you for your suggestion. We have discussed metastasis process of cancer stem cell in the revised manuscript.

2) The authors discussed two models regarding the origin of gastric cancer stem cells. To better understand the differences between them, two case illustrations should be provided, like figure 1.

Thank you for your comment. We have provided two figures in order to better understand the different origin of gastric cancer stem cells in the revised manuscript.

3) Minor points.

The manuscript has been polished in English language by a native English speaking editor from Jing-Yun Ma Editorial Group for Biomedical Editing and Publishing.

Comment 2:

This is the comprehensive review article which deals with the gastric cancer stem cells Specific comments Title: The title accurately reflects the content of the paper and is concise. Body text: The topic of the MS is of wide interest in researches who have investigated the gastric cancers. Recently, there are molecular targeted therapies including Trastumab and Ramucirumab for the treatment of the gastric cancers. I would like to ask for the authors show the detailed explanation of these molecular targeted drugs.

Thank you for your suggestion. We have added the detailed explanation of two molecular targeted drugs for the treatment of the gastric cancers.

4 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Editor Note: I suggest saying “Sincerely,

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