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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6866-Edited_Bollschweiler.doc).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated according to the editor remarks:

- Running title
- Key words
- Authors contribution
- Core tip
- Reference numbers and kind of reference list

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) according to reviewer 52261

- we agree with the reviewer that the key issue for early gastric cancer is the knowledge about LNM. We have added a paragraph about prediction of lymph node metastases in early gastric cancer. Page 11-12
- The possible reasons for different frequency in mucosal gastric cancer between Asian and Western countries are discussed on page 5-6.

(2) according to reviewer 1003401

- the reviewer mentioned chemotherapy and nanotechnologies for the treatment of gastric cancer. These are very interested topics and may be relevant in the future. Therefore we have added a paragraph with the title "Future perspectives". Page 13 to 14.

3 All changes are marked with red colour.

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

Sincerely yours,

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