

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

February 14, 2015

Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15924-edited.doc).

**Title:** Intestinal type gastric adenocarcinoma with unusual synchronous metastases to the colorectum and bladder.

**Author:** Isaac Seow-En, Francis Seow-Choen

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 15924

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

1 Format has been updated

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

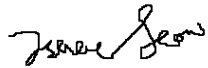
1. We thank reviewer no.1 for the positive comments made.
2. The tumour is of intestinal type based on Lauren classification, and we have clarified this in the revised manuscript.
3. In response to reviewer no.1's query, due to the length of time between the patient's initial gastric cancer requiring surgery and his second primary cancer 20 years later, we consider this to be a newly developed cancer in the remnant stomach. We have reflected this in the manuscript as suggested.
4. Like reviewer no.1, we also agree that the synchronous metastases to the colorectum and bladder is a very unusual presentation and this case therefore adds value to the literature.
5. We agree that a CK7+/Ck20-/CDX2+ profile is compatible with carcinoma of pancreaticobiliary origin as well and have reflected that this was ruled out by a PET CT scan in the updated manuscript.
6. In response to the query, we did not examine mucin expression profile. Rationale for classifying the tumour as 'intestinal type differentiation' was based on microscopic appearance of the biopsy specimens as well as CDX2 positivity.
7. We agree with the reviewer's recommendation and have removed the sentence emphasizing the specimen being "poorly differentiated" after consultation with our pathologist.
8. We thank reviewer no.2 for the positive comments.
9. We agree that the patient's prognosis is guarded and have emphasized the palliative nature of patient's treatment
10. Unfortunately we are unable to obtain high quality images of the patient's CT scan as they were performed overseas and are unable to include these images in the manuscript. We hope that the laparoscopy and endoscopic images will be sufficient to describe this interesting case.
11. We have amended the term in our document to ureterohydronephrosis as per the reviewer's recommendation
12. In response to reviewer no.2's query, we did not feel that analysis of the peritoneal fluid would

yield much useful information as compared to the multiple biopsy specimens.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isaac Seow-En', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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