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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6854-review.doc).

Title: S-1 in the treatment of pancreatic cancer.

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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 reviewer

Reviewer:

This paper is a well written summary of the efficacy of TS-1 in the treatment of pancreatic cancer. The history of introduction of TS-1 and the rolls of TS-1 in the treatment of pancreatic cancer as the first-line regimen, the second-line regimen, and the adjuvant therapy regimen have been described briefly. In the section of adjuvant chemotherapy, the authors commented only on the results of ESPAC-01 trial in Japan. However, the roll of the other previous trials in Japan, including negative results, should have great contribution to establish the basis of clinical trials for the treatment of pancreatic cancer. In this sense, the authors should address the first positive results by JSAP-02 in this section, not only including in the Table 7. The result of JSAP-02 was very similar to that of CONOKO-01, but the first Japanese trial with improved PFS of patients with resectable pancreatic cancer.

Authors reply:

In the JSAP-02 study, adjuvant GEM improved disease-free survival compared to surgery alone, although the superiority in overall survival (the primary endpoint of the study) was not demonstrated. The results support the conclusions of the CONKO-001 study. We added the following text in the "Adjuvant chemotherapy for resected pancreatic cancer" section.

[Adjuvant chemotherapy with GEM improved disease-free survival \(median, 11.4 months versus 5.0 months; P=0.01\) in another phase III study conducted in Japan \(JSAP-02\)^{\[58\]}.](#)

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

>We added a reference number (Page 8, L22).

chemotherapy with S-1-based regimens^{[\[10\]](#)}.

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

Sincerely yours,

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