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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript (file name: 18963-revised. Doc)

Title: The emerging role of Hippo pathway in gastric and other gastrointestinal cancers

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Thank you very much for your invitation and valuable comments on our manuscript. We would like to submit the above mentioned revised manuscript to the ***World Journal of Gastroenterology*** for your consideration as Review Article. This manuscript has been modified according to the editors and reviewers' comments.

The responses to specific concerns are as followed:

Response to Reviewer #1:

Comment: The review could be significantly improved by providing 1) a clear summary of the Hippo phosphokinase activity 2) an explanation of the importance of YAP and TAZ localization to highlight the importance of these co-factors in gastric cancer. 3) The focus of highlighting the upstream regulators of the pathway could be confusing for a novice reader. 4) A better synthesis of the literature could help to explain the complex features of the Hippo Pathway.

Answer: Thank you for the Reviewer's excellent and valuable suggestion and we have made the corresponding revise. We add three subtitles in the "THE HIPPO PATHWAY AND ITS ROLE IN SOLID TUMORS" part as following to make the

content more clearly, concisely and methodically.

- 1, The main components of Hippo kinase cascade.
- 2, The upstream regulators of Hippo pathway and signal crosstalks.
- 3, The key Hippo pathway effector, YAP1, and its role in solid tumors.

All corrections and alterations in the revised manuscript were highlighted in red.

We hope the manuscript has been improved with satisfaction for publication in your journal. Thanks again for your kind invitation of our manuscript to be published in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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