

To,

Editor

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Dear Editor,

I am submitting the revised form of editorial titled **"Title: Synchronous gastric and colon cancers. Important to consider hereditary syndromes and chronic inflammatory disease associations."**

I thank the peer reviewers for their valuable suggestions. The response to the reviewers is as below, and changes are made in the revised manuscript and highlighted in yellow.

Reviewer 1.

1.The title is modified to make it clearer. **Title: Synchronous gastric and colon cancers. Important to consider hereditary syndromes and chronic inflammatory disease associations.**

2. We agree with the reviewer's observation and the manuscript is modified with addition of more information regarding the risk of synchronous/metachronous cancers, age of presentation and data for endoscopic surveillance. Overall sporadic synchronous /metachronous gastric and colon cancers are uncommon in general population and it is difficult to predict the risk for one or the other tumor after their diagnosis. Therefore, there is sparse literature for sporadic cases of synchronous and metachronous forms of gastric and colon cancer. However, there are certain registries for hereditary forms of gastric and colon cancers and chronic inflammatory disease and useful data from the published literature are discussed in this revised manuscript.

Reviewer 2.

I thank the reviewer for his time and favorable review. No specific recommendations were made by this reviewer.

Sincerely yours,

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