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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8377-edited.doc).

Title: Role of 18F-FDG PET/CT in Staging and Post Treatment Evaluation in Head and Neck Carcinoma

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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

(1) Reviewer 01212715:

1.1) The subtitle (running title) is confusing. Please re-organize the subtitles: The title of the manuscript is changed to "Role of 18F-FDG PET/CT in Pre and Post Treatment Evaluation in Head and Neck Carcinoma".

1.2) The title "Role of PET/CT" in the page 4 can be omitted. We omitted the title "role of PET/CT" in the page 4 as suggested.

1.3). Please correct the reference citation style and formulas in both the text and "Reference" appendix based on the guideline of WJR: We corrected the citation to follow the style and formatted based on the guideline of WJR.

1.4). Please give all numbers of the figures in the text. Some numbers are missing on the page 7 and 8: The missing figure numbers are corrected.

1.5) In the Figure 10, is the primary in the right palatine tonsil? This is corrected in the image legend as suggested.

(2) Reviewer 00233953 comment is "While radiation exposure in this patient population is of limited relevance, the typical dose of the individual scan and overall dose of repeat scans (pre- and

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serial post- operative) for a typical patient should be discussed. Is there concern about long-term secondary malignancy?"

We agreed with the comment and add a statement in the paragraph of long-term surveillance as following "Although there is an appreciable radiation dose and lifetime cancer risk associated with PET/CT, the use of this examination is warranted when utilized in the appropriate clinical setting^[64].

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bundhit Tantiwongkosi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bundhit" and last name "Tantiwongkosi" clearly distinguishable.

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