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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your continued consideration of this manuscript entitled “Predictors of Distant Metastasis in Acinic Cell Carcinoma of the Parotid Gland” for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*. We greatly appreciate the reviewer and editor comments, which have significantly strengthened the manuscript. We have performed revisions to address all of the following reviewer comments:

Reviewer: 1

1) Did the patients with gross perineural invasion have any symptoms or signs related to the facial nerve involvement?

The patients did not have prior signs of gross facial nerve weakness. This clarification has now been offered in the manuscript:

“There were no patients in the study who presented preoperatively with clinically detectable facial nerve weakness.”

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2) What are the criteria to differentiate low grade from high grade carcinoma. The pictures in the manuscript should highlight these differences.

High-grade carcinoma is pathologically characterized by nests of anaplastic cells with vacuolated cytoplasm, prominent nucleoli, increased mitoses, and areas of central necrosis. These findings are demonstrated in the pathology slides provided as figures.

Sincerely,

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