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Dear World Journal of Orthopedics, Editorial Board:

Please see our revised manuscript titled 'Extensive Adhesion Formation in a Total Knee Replacement in the Setting of a Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor: A Case Study'. Our revisions to the manuscript are as follows:

- 1.) The events described in the case report were re-organized chronologically to improve the logical presentation of the case report. In particular, the initial diagnosis of GIST, the surgical excision of the mass, and post-operative treatment/outcome was expounded upon regarding this patient (71-113).
- 2.) Pre-operative and post-operative pathology studies regarding the GIST were conducted at outside facilities. We included a summarization of the results found in the pathology reports and postoperative therapy. Due to COVID-19 and limited access to outside facilities, histopathologic slides were not available within the given time frame (86-95).
- 3.) The discussion section was amended to provide a more logical flow between prior literature demonstrating that L1CAM has been shown to activate FGFR in glial cells and increases cellular motility and fibrosis formation, how L1CAM has been demonstrated to be highly expressed in a majority of GISTs, and that FGFR activation is a well-established pro-fibrotic mediator that may have influenced this patient's recurring knee fibrosis (155-174).

- 4.) Questions from the prior review were addressed, including type of procedure for resection of GIST (92) and pathological sections of the GIST (see above). Further abdominal CT scans for surveillance purposes (95) have been conducted annually without significant findings. Note the patient presented to the ED with abdominal discomfort ~6 months s/p GIST resection, but extensive workup was unremarkable.
- 5.) The references of the manuscript were updated to better adhere to the formatting guidelines of the journal (197-256).
- 6.) Figures were extracted from the initial document and placed into a .ppx file per guidelines. Additional images were provided, and all images were ordered in a chronological fashion.
- 7.) Other minor changes included grammatical improvements and formatting updates were made to this revision.

We would like to thank the editors of *World Journal of Orthopedics* for their consideration of our paper and the support they have shown thus far during the revision process. We kindly hope that the revisions we have made towards our manuscript are sufficient for final publication. Please feel free to reach out to myself or Dr. Vithal Shendge with any additional questions or comments regarding this paper; thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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