

Response to Editorial Comments

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Revised title: Diagnostic challenge and surgical decision making for a duodenal spindle cell tumor mimicking a gastrointestinal stromal tumor

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Dear Editorial Office,

Thank you for the technical review of our submission. We have revised the manuscript accordingly and provide our point by point responses below.

1. Data availability statement

Response: We have retained a Data availability statement in the revised manuscript. It states that the original data supporting the conclusions of the article are included within the article, that further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author, and that personally identifiable information will not be made publicly available in order to protect patient privacy. In addition, during resubmission we will select Yes in the submission system for the data availability question as requested.

2. Title revision

Response: We revised the title to improve clarity and to comply with the journal instruction to avoid punctuation such as a colon and hyphen. The revised title is Diagnostic challenge and surgical decision making for a duodenal spindle cell tumor mimicking a gastrointestinal stromal tumor.

3. Ethics approval and consent to participate

Response: We replaced the previous ethics statement with a separate section entitled Ethics approval and consent to participate. The revised manuscript now states that ethical approval was waived by the Ethics Committee of Yanbian University Hospital for this single patient case report in accordance with institutional policy, that the study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki, and that the patient provided written informed consent for the use of anonymized clinical information in this report.

4. Consent for publication

Response: We added a separate section entitled Consent for publication. The revised manuscript now states that written informed consent for publication of anonymized clinical details and related imaging data was obtained from the patient.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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