Title: Synchronous well differentiated neuroendocrine tumour and gastrointestinal stromal tumour of the stomach: a case report.

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To: The Editor, BMC Gastroenterology

Re: Revised manuscript submission

Dear Dr. Shipley,

We have the pleasure to submit our revised manuscript entitled: ‘Synchronous well differentiated neuroendocrine tumour and gastrointestinal stromal tumour of the stomach: a case report.’ to your distinguished journal for publication.

In the present work we report the simultaneous occurrence of a well differentiated neuroendocrine tumour (carcinoid) with benign clinical behavior and a high risk GIST, in the stomach of a 62-year-old man previously operated for a gastric well differentiated neuroendocrine tumour with uncertain malignant behaviour. This synchronous neoplastic growth seems to be extremely rare, given that only a handful of cases have been reported so far. Moreover, our case appears distinctive as it is characterized by unique clinical and histopathological findings.

In this second revised version of our manuscript we have performed all the necessary changes according to editorial request.

Specifically:

RESPONSE TO THE EDITORIAL REQUEST

1. <<A statement documenting written informed consent from the patient (for publication/clinical images) must be added to your manuscript>>: We have added
a statement in an 'acknowledgments section', after 'authors contributions' section [see: page 15 of “MANUSCRIPT”].

In general, it should be mentioned that our work has not been previously published in another journal and has not been submitted to any other journal for simultaneous consideration. Our manuscript, if accepted in the *BMC Gastroenterology*, will not be republished in any other journal in the same or similar form, without the written consent of the Editor of the *BMC Gastroenterology*.

We declare no financial or other relationships leading to a conflict of interest.

The study has been carried out in accordance with the World Medical Association Helsinki Declaration, adopted in 1964 and amended recently (in 2008). Moreover, our work was approved by the scientific committee (also responsible for ethical issues) of the “Attikon” University Hospital.

The manuscript has been read and approved by all authors.

We are looking forward for your response,

Yours sincerely,

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