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To the Editor of BioMed Central Cancer

I submit to your kind attention the revised version of the manuscript: 6431036821135487
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Referee 2 did not ask for any revision.

Referee 1 asked if this approach is advisable for the majority of gastric cancer patients.

Referee 3 asked if the flare phenomenon is related to the experimental therapy or is independent of the regimen.

The following paragraph was added to the manuscript - before the last paragraph of the Discussion - and it gives a response to the two referees’ concerns:

“In this clinical case the flare phenomenon was independent on the experimental treatment, pemetrexed and oxaliplatin. Therefore the occurrence of an osteoblastic response should be taken into consideration even in case of patients treated with standard cytotoxic regimens for gastric cancer, such as epirubicin, cisplatin and fluorouracil (ECF).”

The consent signed by the patient was already sent by fax to the attention of Editorial Assistant BMC-series Journals, on September 1, 2006.

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I accept the processing charge, if the article is accepted.

With my best regards,

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