Author’s response to reviews

Title: Duodenal gastrointestinal stromal tumors: clinicopathological characteristics, surgery and long-term outcome

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Dear Editors:

On behalf of my co-authors, I am submitting the enclosed manuscript entitled “Duodenal gastrointestinal stromal tumors: clinicopathological characteristics, surgery and long-term outcome” which we wish to be considered for publication in “BMC surgery”. We certify that we have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for the appropriateness of the study design and method, and the collection, analysis, and interpretation of the data. We all have reviewed the final version of the manuscript and approve it for publication. To the best of our knowledge and belief, this manuscript has not been published in whole or in part nor is it considered for publication elsewhere. And we declare that no conflict of interest exists in the submission of this manuscript.

In this work, we investigated clinicopathological characteristics, different surgical treatments, and long-term prognosis of duodenal GIST. Findings from this study show that duodenal GIST patients have favorable prognosis after complete tumor removal, and the surgical procedures should be determined by the DGIST tumor location and size.

The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the editor’s comments are as follows: (1): We have revised manuscript to include line and page numbers as request. (2): The editor pointed that “It appears that your article reports the results of a controlled health-care intervention. If this is so, please list your trial registry, along with the unique identifying number and the date of registration”. However, this study is retrospective analysis for clinical data. And the Institutional Review Board and Ethics Committee of the West China Hospital of Sichuan University also informed that an ethical review was not needed for this retrospective study. Thus, the trial registry was not conducted before. Finally, we deeply appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we are looking...
forward to receiving comments from the reviewers. Thank you and best regards.
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