

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13937-review.doc).

Title: Pediatric gastric cancer presenting with massive ascites

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:
1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (red parts)

(1) Page 5: The ascites study of stem cell markers revealed negative findings. What kind of stem cell markers?

Response: Our previous description is not clear. We change the description to (page 6: 17-19):

The ascites revealed many tumor nests, which were all negative for CD45, CD3, CD19, CD20, CD33, myeloperoxidase and TdT in the immunohistochemical study. These results indicated that lymphoma was not likely.

(2) Figure 2B is main an image of angle of stomach, which is not very clear for antral ulcer. Would you please change another image?

Response: We have changed another clear image (new Fig. 2B).

(3) The biological behaviour of gastric carcinoma in child is obvious different from which in adult. However, in discussion, the characteristics of this patient are similar to adult cancer. Please try to find something different in child gastric cancer contributed to more malignant behaviour.

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Response:

We have rewritten and added the some differences in pediatric gastric cancer in the discussion.

(page 7: line 4-7, 18-22, page 8: line 11-13)

There are some differences between children and adults. These includes: 1. the etiology is more unclear in children and may be associated with gene mutations (ref 9); 2. the incidence is very rare in children, so the physicians tend to overlook; 3. because gastric adenocarcinoma is rarely affects children, thee management is not well-established; 4. it is strongly associated very poor outcome in children, possibly because of delay in diagnosis and inappropriate treatment.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chien-Heng Lin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'L' at the end.

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