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Dear Professor Lian-Sheng Ma
President and Editor-in-Chief "**World Journal of Gastroenterology**"
Dear Jin-Lei Wang, Director,
Dear Yuan Qi, Science Editor, Editorial Office

Thank you for your kind letter concerning invited manuscript entitled "**Histological mixed-type gastric carcinoma as an independent prognostic factor in Stage I gastric carcinoma (ESPS Manuscript NO: 10860)**" by Komatsu et al. We have revised the manuscript according to reviewer's comments using a red color font (highlighted revise version) and presented the outlining responses to your comments below.

We thank you for the valuable suggestions and comments for the manuscript. We have carefully revised it accordingly. Explanations have been provided point by point. We believe that our revised manuscript has been improved by these revisions, and satisfy your concerns. We cordially appreciate your work regarding our manuscript. We hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the "**World Journal of Gastroenterology**".

Sincerely yours,

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Comments to authors from editor

First of all, thank you very much for your great support to the **World Journal of Gastroenterology**! Your manuscript (ESPS Manuscript NO: 10860) entitled "**Histological mixed-type gastric carcinoma as an independent prognostic factor in Stage I gastric carcinoma**", which you submitted to World Journal of Gastroenterology, has been reviewed.

Based on the reviewers' comments, your manuscript could be accepted for publication should you be prepared to incorporate revisions. When preparing your revised manuscript, you are asked to address the points raised by the reviewers and revise your manuscript accordingly to meet the standards and format of **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

Response to editor's comments

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Reviewer:**Reviewer code:** 00503618**Date reviewed:** 2014-05-18 00:50**Comments to Authors:**

This manuscript is interesting and unique in its findings. I wonder if the poor prognosis is attributed to more advanced disease in the "mixed-type" group given the larger tumor size. I suspect that the multivariate analysis controls for this and that this histological finding is an independent prognostic indicator. Photomicrographs demonstrating the microscopic findings that distinguish this histological description would enhance the manuscript.

Classification : Grade B (Very good)**Language evaluation** : Grade A (Priority publishing)**Conclusion** : Minor revision**Response to reviewer's comments**

Thank you for your kind comments. We cordially appreciate your contribution to the review of our manuscript and found them to be great helpful. We have revised our manuscript accordingly. We hope that our manuscript has been more improved by these revisions and that we have adequately addressed your concerns.

Query

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Reply

Thank you for your valuable comments. As you indicated, "mixed-type" group was strongly associated with larger tumor size and more advanced disease. Therefore, we will try to investigate the prognostic significance of mixed-type gastric cancer in patients with advanced stage gastric cancer. Also, we will determine the prognostic independence by multivariate analysis and will report in near future. Indeed, we already elucidate some novel significance in clinical use, also in advanced gastric cancer. Thank you for your reasonable suggestion.

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Reply

Thank you for your important comment. As you suggested, we added the photograph of mixed-type gastric cancer in one typical and recurrent patient following curative gastrectomy for Stage I gastric cancer (**Figure 1**). Please refer revised manuscript. Thank you.