Reply from the authors

The size of the stromal tumor excised was 5 cm in two dimensions. A size more than 5 cm places the patient between intermediate- and high-risk groups for recurrence in GIST.\textsuperscript{1,2} It is also accepted that even small tumors with benign cellular morphology can occasionally metastasize.\textsuperscript{1}

The patient also had moderately differentiated adenocarcinoma of colon with infiltration up to paracecal tissue and metastasis to regional lymph nodes. We felt, therefore, that he may be prone to develop metastasis from his gastric stromal tumor as well. Furthermore, some subsets of colonic cancer patients have exhibited substantial therapeutic response to imatinib mesylate.\textsuperscript{3,4}

The patient opted for treatment with imatinib mesylate. He has been followed up for a year with CT abdomen and X-ray chest, and has no evidence of recurrence.

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