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Dear Editor,

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To editors

Thanks for your special interests and attentions.

These are 4 points of raised by reviewer and my answers.

1. To treat gastric MALToma with antibiotics only is restricted to MALToma of Luganol stage I, meaning the MALToma is limited to mucosa or submucosa layer. Do you have EUS evidence showing the MALToma was not involved beyond submucosa. Also, did you have bone marrow study or PET scan to prove there's no distant involvement of gastric lymphoma? Antibiotics treatment only is not adequate for lymphoma in this patient until the staging is confirmed as Luganol stage I.

- **Answer** : Before treating MALToma with antibiotics, we had didn't EUS evaluation. Instead, we had performed PET-CT and there were no evidence of any

other lymphoid involvement. With CT and PET-CT findings, we thought this MALToma to be Lugano stage I and started antibiotic treatment.

2. After eradication of *Helicobacter pylori*, was there any confirmation test such as UBT ?

- **Answer** : After eradication of *H.pylori*, we performed endoscopic rebiopsy instead of UBT before operation. The result was proven to be negative by pathologist.

3. Endoscopic follow-up with biopsy should be frequent and careful for patients with MALToma managed only with antibiotics instead of chemoradiotherapy. How often did this patient be followed up with endoscope? Inflammations on pathology may indicate the residual MALToma. What is the pathology after HP eradication ?

- **Answer** : This patient received endoscopic follow-up every 6 months after the operation for the past 2 years. There were no positive pathologic findings yet.

4. What is the stage of the gastric adenocarcinoma in this patient? Did the patient receive adjuvant chemotherapy?

- **Answer** : The final pathologic stage for gastric adenocarcinoma was pT1bN0M0, p-Stage IA. AJCC 7th. So the patient did not receive any adjuvant chemotherapy.

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