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Gerhard Litscher, MSc, PhD, Doctor, Professor  
Editor-in-Chief  
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Dear Dr. Litscher:

RE: Manuscript ID 62167 - **“Isolation of lymphocytes from the human gastric mucosa”**  
by Iwamuro et al.

We hereby resubmit Manuscript # 62167 for publication in *World Journal of methodology*.

We have carefully considered all of the enclosed comments and addressed them as thoroughly as possible. Our point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments are provided below. We believe you will now find our revised manuscript acceptable for publication in *World Journal of methodology*. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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#### Point-by-Point Responses to the Reviewers' Comments

##### Reviewer comments

The work is well written and methodologically correct and interesting in its intended purpose. The analysis of the proposed techniques is the result of a selection drawn from the well-chosen and documented literature on the subject. It will be interesting to follow its developments also and above all as regards gastric MALT lymphoma, in which the benefits of this technique can be maximized. For this reason, I was surprised that this argument has been only marginally treated in the paper. Apart from this consideration, as mentioned, I find this work stimulating and worthy of publication.

Response: Thank you very much for taking the time reviewing our manuscript. We have added several sentences to describe the role of flow cytometric analysis for the diagnosis of gastric lymphomas including MALT lymphoma.