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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Reviewer report Manuscript title : "Clinical features of gastric mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma in patients with extra copies of MALT1" In this multi-centered, retrospective study, the authors reviewed 146 patients with MALT lymphoma in the stomach who underwent fluorescence in situ hybridization analysis for t(11;18) translocation. Patients with gastric MALT lymphoma without t(11;18) translocation or extra copies of MALT1 or those with extra copies of MALT1 showed similar clinical characteristics and responded to Helicobacter pylori eradication. The study is well designed and the findings are significant.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting well-designed multi center study on the role of MALT1 in MALT lymphoma. The conclusion can be supported by the results. It can add something interest to current knowledge. However minor revision are needed. The title should be modified to "management of gastric mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma in patients with extra copies of MALT1". The Figure 2 is not so Clea and thus has to be modified in more suitable graphic version. Being a retrospective study the conclusion should be more cautious and a call to further studies should be advocated to give definitive conclusion.



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This new manuscript has been carefully reviewed.

There are some minor questions that are listed below:

- 1) INTRODUCTION: Prior to "The purpose of this study", authors should state their hypothesis.
- 2) RESULTS: paragraph 2. The authors need to specifically state whether the endoscopic appearance was of any benefit in helping to distinguishing the three groups of patients that are being studied in this manuscript.
- 3) In RESULTS, it was not entirely clear whether eradication of H. pylori was confirmed in all of the antibiotic treated patients. How was the presence of H. pylori excluded in the patients in Group B?



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- 4) What issues do the authors believe need to be examined in future studies?