

Re: **Manuscript NO:** 35550

- World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Title: “Leptomeningeal metastases originated from esophagogastric junction / gastric cancer - a brief report of two cases. Is it a really rare entity?”

Nicosia 27/09/2017,

Dear Editors,

Dear Reviewers,

we would like to thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

We really appreciate your constructive comments.

In response to reviewers suggestions the following revisions have been made:

Reviewer: 1

-CT brain images, cytology and pathology images were added as requested.

-Unfortunately, in Cyprus it is not a daily practice procedure to take and store photos of the resected specimens, so they are not available.

-As requested by Reviewer 3 the sentence of Case 2 was shortened based on a focus of LMC like that of Case 1, so additional data for Case 2 were not added.

Reviewer: 2

-Even EGJC are virulent and very aggressive tumors, we suggest that proper investigation should be performed to make a diagnosis. Therapy could also be administrated in selected patients with good performance status with the goal of a potential benefit.

-All other comments are addressed.

Reviewer: 3

- CT brain images of both patients were added as requested.

-MRI brain sensitivity ranges were added as requested.

-The trials presented in the text support the confusing and conflicting data regarding LMC therapy (Ref 13-16).

-The sentence of Case 2 was shortened based on a focus of LMC like that of Case 1.

-All other comments are addressed.

In addition, we strongly support that Nakos Georgios (Histopathologist-Pathology Department, General Hospital Nicosia), who provided the pathology images to the revised version of our manuscript, merits to participate as an author and his name was added (orcid.org/0000-0003-3142-7261, georgiosnakoss@gmail.com).

All added changes are marked in red in the text.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our paper.

Hopefully, it would now be considered for publication in the respectable peer-review journal “World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology”.

Sincerely,

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