

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3739-review.doc).

**Title:** Clonal IgH and TCR- $\gamma$  gene rearrangement in primary gastric lymphoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

**1-In the abstract: please replace the subtitle “study” by: Patients or Material & methods.**

I had replaced the subtitle “study” by: Patients or Material & methods.

**2-In the introduction section: - Please give more information about the criteria for suspicion PGL.**

I had added the criteria of suspect PGL in the introduction section

**3-Please discuss any study limitation (e.g. false –positive & false-negative results) and provide prospect for further study.**

I had discussed study limitation and prospect for further study in six paragraph in discussion sections.

**4-In the methods section, please discuss the inclusion and exclusion criteria.**

I had discussed the inclusion and exclusion criteria in the methods section

**5-In the discussion section, second paragraph: please give an explanation about the histological grading of the gastric biopsies ( for example the Histological scoring of lymphoid infiltrate in the stomach according to Wotherspoon and Colleagues)**

I had given an explanation about the histological grading of the gastric biopsies in discussion section.

**6-On page 7, the last paragraph: it is stated that “ In our study , for diagnosis of PGL, the specificity of IgH gene rearrangement is high, but the sensitivity is low “. I think you need to clarify & justify your results regarding sensitivity & specificity.**

I had reviewed the knowledge of specificity and sensitivity carefully. I thought the statement was inappropriate. So I had deleted this statement in this paragraph and in conclusion section.

**7-On page 7, the third line: “ Catherine et al “ is not presented in the references.**

I had replaced the right author name.

**8-Table (1) legend: provide more enough details to allow reader to understand the table.**

I had provided more information to reader.

**9-Results are interesting but diagnostic utility is not clear. In other words, is this approach cost-effective? In addition, no sample size is planned (for instance number of DLBCL is not so high).**

Yes, gene rearrangement is just one method to help diagnosing PGL and it can not replace pathological result. Just like tumor marker, elevated tumor marker did not represent suffering from tumor. But it can be an alarm and it can make doctor to find tumor earlier. I think that gene rearrangement may have the same effect. Because our study was a prospective study, so sample size was not planned.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,  
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