

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Manuscript-5803-R.doc).

**Title:** *Helicobacter pylori* and gastric MALT lymphoma: Recent progress in pathogenesis and management

**Author:** Shotaro Nakamura, Takayuki Matsumoto

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 5803

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) Reviewer 00538725: "This is a nice informative systematic review on the topic. I suggest giving some words to comment on the current opinions on surgical management for MALT."

**REPLY:** The following sentence has been added in page 10, paragraph 2; "Surgical resection nowadays is restricted to the management for cases with perforation or bleeding that cannot be controlled endoscopically<sup>[26]</sup>."

- (2) Reviewer 00044945: "The authors developed a interesting review on the molecular basis of the role of *H. pylori* infection on gastric Malt as well as the results of *H. pylori* infection treatment on gastric Malt. In order to make the review more comprehensive, the authors could describe the staging categories (I, IE, II, etc.) as well as the main antibiotic regimens employed for *H. pylori* eradication in the setting of gastric Malt."

**REPLY:** 1) To explain the Lugano staging system, a new Table 1 has been made, which is cited in page 8, line 3. Accordingly, original Tables 1 and 2 should be new Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

2) Three sentences describing regimen for *H. pylori* eradication has been added in page 9, paragraph 2; "As for the regimen for *H. pylori* eradication therapy, ... after the second- line treatment or more attempts<sup>[36]</sup>." With this regard, two published articles have been newly referenced (35 Malfertheiner P, et al. Gut 2012; and 36 Zullo A, et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2009).

- (3) Reviewer 00034437: "This manuscript is well-written and informative. I really enjoyed reading it."

**REPLY:** Thank you very much for taking time to review our paper.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shotaro Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shotaro" and the last name "Nakamura" clearly distinguishable.

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