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Title: CD8-positive Indolent T-Cell Lymphoproliferative Disorder of the Gastrointestinal Tract:
Case Report and Literature Review

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Dear Professor Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you very much for your correspondence dated December 1, 2021, regarding the review of our manuscript. We are pleased to hear that you are considering our manuscript for publication in the “World Journal of Clinical Cases”, following some essential revisions. We appreciate very much the comments and suggestions from the editor and reviewers, and have made changes in the revised manuscript accordingly. The following are our point-by-point responses to the editor’s and reviewers’ comments.

Responses to Editor’s comments and suggestions:

First of all, thank you very much for your ongoing support of the World Journal of Gastroenterology and for contributing a manuscript to it.

We are very sorry to inform you that after rigorous peer review and evaluation by the editorial office, your manuscript does not reach the World Journal of Gastroenterology’s publishing standard with regards to the academic quality and, therefore, cannot be published in this journal.

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Best regards,

Lian-Sheng Ma, Editorial Office Director, Company Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Office

Responses: We thank you and the reviewers for the positive assessment and constructive comments and suggestions. We have now revised the manuscript accordingly. The major changes in the text are marked in red. The entire manuscript has been proofread and met the journal's guidelines.

Responses to Reviewers' comments and suggestions:

Responses to Reviewer #1

Reviewer #1: Dear Authors, thank you for your submitting the manuscript entitled, "CD8-positive Indolent T-Cell Lymphoproliferative Disorder of the Gastrointestinal Tract: Case Report and Literature Review". The topic of this case report is interesting, and the discussion section is well written and very nice. However, several criticisms should be addressed as below.

Responses: We thank the reviewer for the positive assessment and constructive comments and suggestions, which have helped tremendously in the preparation of the revised manuscript. We have now revised the manuscript accordingly.

1. Line 140-163; For the 15 papers and 29 cases in Table 1, the characteristics of each item (for example, gender, age, gastrointestinal tract site, clinical symptoms, etc.) are shown as the

number of cases and their proportion. Please add a new Table 2. In addition, perform a significant difference test between each group to calculate and describe the significant differences (P-values). Regarding its significance and limitations, while discussing on the selection bias of the selected cases, pay attention to the validity of the statistical analysis, and add a new consideration to the result and discussion sections.

Responses: Following the reviewer's suggestions, we have now added a new Table 2 accordingly. Unfortunately, the number of cases is too small that it's not statistically significant, but we will keep an eye on this development. (Page 8, Line202-203).

2. Line 64; The position of the sentence of "The patient's informed consent was obtained to report this case." is incorrect, I think. Please correct it to the appropriate position.

Responses: Following the reviewer's suggestions, we have now corrected it to the appropriate position accordingly. (Page 20).

3. Line 119; Please add a new figure that presents the TCR β / γ clonal gene arrangement in situ hybridization. This is important.

Responses: We thank the reviewer's suggestions, we have now added a new figure about TCR β / γ clonal gene arrangement in situ hybridization. (Page 7, Line157-158) (Figure 5).

4. Line 123; It says that the follow-up has been completed for financial reasons, but can you follow this patient in the future? Please briefly describe your positive attitude.

Responses: Following the reviewer's suggestions, we have now revised manuscript accordingly. (Page 7, Line164-166).

Responses to Reviewer #2

Reviewer #2:

- 1 The manuscript must be carefully proof-read for grammar and spelling issues

Responses: We are sorry for that. We have now corrected them in the revised manuscript accordingly.

2 The quality of Table 1 is very low. It is recommended that authors improve it in design and writing.

Responses: Following the suggestions, we have now improved the quality of Table 1.

(1) This is an interesting clinical case, complemented by a brilliant mini-review of similar rare cases of this new rarely diagnosed disease. I believe that it is worthy of publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* after correcting the manuscript in accordance with the recommendations of the reviewers and a more thorough check of the English language (especially in the Core tip section). Please also describe the treatment for this patient in more detail. Table 1 needs to be revised since it will be difficult to print it in this form in the journal.

Responses: Following the suggestions, we have now described the treatment for this patient in more detail and revised the Table 1. (Page 6-7, Lines 143-160).

Once again we appreciate very much the constructive comments and suggestions from the editor and reviewers. These comments have helped to improve the manuscript significantly. We hope the above responses and the changes made to the manuscript will meet your and the reviewers' expectations. We are looking forward to publishing this manuscript in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Thank you again for your time and efforts devoted to the review and editing of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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