

**Reviewer's code:** 03092961

#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This article examines the association between granulomatous lobular mastitis and MTHFR gene polymorphism. It is concise indicating MTHFR C677T is one of the factors which induce granulomatous lobular mastitis and MTHFR gene may cause specificity of genetic loci. The topic is potentially interesting. The work is well written and is presented in a logical manner with convincing data. There are two tiny points as following should be corrected: there is a redundant sentence "Genotypic and allelic frequencies of MTHFR C677T" which should be deleted in the manuscript. Perhaps the authors can emphasize the importance of genetic screening a bit more in the discussion section for the prevention and treatment of this disease.

**Answer:** Thank you very much. The sentence has been deleted. The discussion has been revised, the prevention and treatment of this disease was discussed.

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The manuscript submitted by Lei et al. presents an association between granulomatous lobular mastitis and MTHFR gene polymorphism, to be specific, MTHFR C677T. The manuscript is concise and nicely written. The authors need to put much more effort into adjusting units of measure in the manuscript.

**Answer:** Thank you very much. The adjusting units of measure in the manuscript have been carefully checked and edited.

**Reviewer's code:** 03017782

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The author presented a detailed protocol of genetic testing to research the association

between MTHFR and a breast disease granulomatous lobular mastitis. This protocol is interesting and practical to clinical application. One suggestion is that it's better to change the expression of "conventional group" into "control group" throughout the manuscript.

**Answer:** Thank you very much. Conventional group changed to control group.