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Dear Lian-Sheng Ma,

Thank you for your email dated 2021-07-03 enclosing the reviewers' comments and a decision for a transfer and a revision on our paper. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to You and the reviewers for all the comments which we believe will improve our manuscript. We have carefully reviewed the remarks and have revised the manuscript accordingly. We are delighted to have an opportunity to resubmit the extensively revised manuscript to World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Following this letter are the reviewer comments with our responses in italics. The revisions have been developed in consultation with all coauthors, and each author has approved the final form of this revision. We look forward to hearing from you in due time regarding our submission and are ready to respond to any further questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Augustinas Bausys

## **Response to Revision requests.**

### **Reviewer #1**

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This authors comprehensively reviewed current strategies for patients with only peritoneal cytology positive stage IV gastric cancer and provided crucial suggestions for routine clinical practice. As a suggestion, as far as I am concerned, other treatments such as systematic chemotherapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy should also be discussed.

*We would like to thank the reviewer for the positive and thoughtful comments and efforts towards improving our manuscript.*

*1) As suggested by the reviewer, we discussed the current options of systemic, targeted and immunotherapy for Cy1 gastric cancer patients in a subsection “SYSTEMIC CHEMOTHERAPY, TARGETED THERAPY, AND IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR CY1 GASTRIC CANCER PATIENTS” section.*

Science editor:

The evaluation report of the first decision for 69201 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes Current treatment strategies for patients with only peritoneal cytology positive stage IV gastric cancer. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors comprehensively reviewed current strategies for patients with only peritoneal cytology positive stage IV gastric cancer and provided crucial suggestions for routine clinical practice. As a suggestion, as far as I am concerned, other treatments such as systematic chemotherapy, targeted therapy and

immunotherapy should also be discussed. (3) Format: There are neither tables nor figures. (4)References: A total of 44 references are cited, including 23 references published in the last 3 years. (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluations: Classification: Grade A. (Minor language polishing). It was told that the language had been edited by the author of the manuscript (MD Augustinas Bausys) who worked abroad including English language speaking positions. But the statement was not signed. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The study was not supported by any grants. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. The corresponding author has not published articles in the BPG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The format of the reference should meet the requirements of this journal. Please revise throughout; (2) the authors need to respond positively to the peer-reviewer' comments; and (3) the authors need to add at least one figure or one table; and (4) given that there are grammar errors in the manuscript, professional paper editing is recommended. 6 Re-Review: Required. 7 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

*We thank the Editor for the careful review of our paper. As suggested:*

- *We provided signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement*
- *We adjusted the reference to the journal requirements.*
- *Answered to pee-reviewer' comments.*
- *We added 1 figure to the manuscript.*
- *We revised the language of the manuscript*