

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



Dear Sir

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7098-review).

**Title: MULTIMODALITY THERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF POTENTIALLY
CURATIVE GASTRIC CANCER: GEOGRAPHICAL VARIATIONS AND
FUTURE PROSPECTS**

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The manuscript has been improved by the following changes

1. Font changed as per guidelines to Book antiqua
 2. Spacing has been changed as per guidelines to 1.5
 3. References updated and DOI and PMID numbers have been added to references
 4. Title and running title have been shortened
- according to the suggestions of reviewers:
 - **reviewer 000458455:**
 - I note and thank you for your comments where you felt this was a well reconstructed article in no need of revision
 - **reviewer 00183059:**
 1. Abbreviations have now been explained where first used. Specifically the use of Mths has been deleted and replaced by months.
 2. I thank the reviewers suggestion of a table at the start of each section to aid in reading. However, this information has been provided for the most part in Table 1 which serves as a summary of the relevant major studies. Although it would be possible to split this table into several different tables to be placed at the beginning of each section, I believe that it is much better for the reader to have this information available in a single table for comparison. However i agree that some expansion would be useful and I have expanded this table include all major studies. I have also noted that summaries of the information for each section are included in table 1
 3. Should the editor in chief however believe that the splitting of the table to a small table at the beginning of each section would be preferred, I am happy to do so.

I hope that these changes meet with your requirements.
Please let me know if you require any further changes

regards

with kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Merrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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