

Professor Lian-Sheng Ma  
Editor-in-Chief  
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Dear Professor Ma

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*

Manuscript NO.: 64920, Review

The authors would like to thank the editor and reviewer for the evaluation and for their helpful comments of the manuscript. Concerning the raised issues, we adapted to manuscript accordingly.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: In this review, Uhl et al explain in detail about gastric MALT lymphomas. Although the authors claim that their manuscript was reviewed by native English speaker, there are many sections where the meaning of the sentence is unnatural (e.g. P.3L.1-4, P.7.L.12, P.8L.2, P.8L.24, etc.). The authors should consider utilizing professional editing service.

**Thank you for detailed examination of our work, the positive remarks and for the suggestions for improvement. We address all the points raised, and the manuscript has once again been reviewed and corrected by native English speakers.**

Science editor:

1. Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors explain in detail about gastric MALT lymphomas. However, the language should be revised by the professional editing service.

**We address all the points raised concerning the language and the manuscript has once again been reviewed and corrected by native English speakers.**

2. Self-cited references: There are 13 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated.

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**Thank you for detailed examination of our work, the positive remarks and for the suggestions for improvement. We hopefully have fulfilled all the requirements of revision.**

We would like to thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

Kind regards,

Alexander J.A. Deutsch, PhD, Research Assistant Professor,