Reviewer's report

Title: Intraepithelial lymphocyte distribution differs between the bulb and the second part of duodenum

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Reviewer: Fei Bao

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1) Page 5, line 7: In each specimen areas of mostly expressed histopathological changes ie low villus/crypt ratio, increased numbers of lymphocytes were recognized. the word "ie" could be changed to "including".

2) Page 5, line 8: "CD3 sections" could be changed to "CD3 immunostained sections".

3) Page 5, line 11: "was calculated" could be changed to "were calculated".

4) Page 6, line 6: The study results are depicted by mean and 95% confidence interval (CI)" could be changed to "The study results were depicted by mean and 95% confidence interval (CI)".

5) Page 7, line 7: A reference is needed for the sentence "Intraepithelial lymphocytosis (i.e. >25 IELs/100 enterocytes, corresponding to Marsh grade I)".

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.