Author's response to reviews

Title: Primary parotid gland lymphoma: A case report

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Reviewer 1

1. Since the review of the literature does not exist, the authors must correct the title of the paper.

The title of the manuscript was changed into: ‘PRIMARY PAROTID GLAND LYMPHOMA: A CASE REPORT’.

2. Additionally, there is more recent literature to be added.

The following references were added:


3. The paragraph concerning surgical anatomy must be deleted, since this paper refers to a medical journal.

Section deleted

4. The CT image should be of better quality.

The Fig 1 quality could not be improved. Two figures were added:

**Fig 2:** preoperative planning of the preauricular incision – the circular dotted line represents the tumors margins

**Fig 3:** the surgical specimen

5. The text must be adjusted and revised by a colleague with better knowledge of the English language.

English language was revised.

**Reviewer 2**

**Abstract:**

1. Line 1: “involving the” should be replaced by “of the”

Replaced - Highlighted

2. Line 4: “and” should be omitted

Omitted

**Section introduction:**

1. Line 4: “lineage. They are the most common lymphomas involving the salivary glands in a recent report [1].” Should be rephrased into “lineage and are the commonest involving the salivary glands [1].”

Rephrased - Highlighted

2. Line 5: “autoimmune diseases or inflammatory” diseases should be omitted
3. Line 8: “MALT lymphomas have also been reported to occur in the salivary glands, lung, skin, soft tissues, breast, thyroid gland, thymus, and ocular adnexa and Orbit [5].” This phrase offers nothing to this section and should be omitted.

Omitted

4. Line 9: This is not a study, it is a case report. Please rephrase.

Rephrased - Highlighted

5. Line 10: “lymphoma and appearing” “and should be deleted

Omitted

6. Line 10: “parotid gland and a brief review of the literature” should be rephrased into “parotid gland.” There is no actual review of the literature. There are only extensive references to several authors.

Rephrased

Section case report:

1. Case report should be changed into case presentation

Rephrased - Highlighted

2. The whole section surgical anatomy (Line 1 to 16 of this section) should be deleted. It offers nothing to the manuscript and reduces its quality.

Section deleted

3. The origin of the patient should be added, according to the guidelines of the journal.

Origin added - Highlighted

4. “A firm mobile mass was present in the left parotid gland. Examination revealed a 5 cm diameter mass in the superficial lobe of the left parotid.” Should be rephrased into “Examination revealed a 5cm firm mobile mass in the superficial lobe of the left parotid.”

Rephrased - Highlighted

5. “tested by ELISA” should be deleted.
6. Several images should be added to the manuscript illustrating: 1. the operative field, 2. the echo of the tumor, 3. the spiral CT of the gland (before and after the operation) 4. the pathology findings of the specimen.

Two new figures were added to the manuscript:

**Fig 2:** preoperative planning of the preauricular incision – the circular dotted line represents the tumors margins

**Fig 3:** the surgical specimen

Unfortunately no other figures are available.