Author’s response to reviews

Title: Gastric MALT lymphoma presented with primary perforation in an adolescent: a case report

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We, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the revised manuscript entitled “Gastric MALT lymphoma presented with primary perforation in an adolescent: a case report” for publication in BMC Pediatrics as a Case Report. A point-by-point response to the comments was listed below.

Response to the comments:

REVIEWER COMMENTS
The study is a case report and not an uncommon one.
The authors well documented the case and flow is appropriate with the CARE guidelines but the case is not an interesting one.
They declared that the laparoscopic intervention is chosen and this chose is important but there is no explanation for that. Even they don’t know the diagnosis before the surgery I think that this conclusion is inappropriate for this patient.
REQUESTED REVISIONS:
First of all they have to explain why this patient is interesting and a positive impact of the literature.

☐ Thank you very much for your comments. Gastric MALT lymphoma is rarely encountered in pediatric population and primary perforation of gastric MALT lymphoma is uncommon. Even if there is an uncertainty about the exact diagnosis prior to the surgery, the strategy of stomach-preserving therapy by laparoscopy for primary perforation was successful and provided a good quality of life. Our report provides a valuable clinical experience for not only general pediatricians but also hematology-oncology subspecialists in the management of such a rare entity presented with a common condition (iron deficiency) followed by an emergent gastric perforation.

☐ The conclusions were revised as suggested.

1. Abstract: conclusion part, page 4, line 3-7
2. Main text: Discussion and Conclusions, page 10, line 9-11 and page 11, line 8-11.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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