Author’s response to reviews

Title: Clinical presentation and characteristics of lymphoma in the head and neck region

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Dear Professor Stamm, dear Reviewers,

Thank you very much for your highly valuable and thorough comments and suggestions regarding our manuscript “Clinical presentation and characteristics of lymphoma in the head and neck region” (HAFM-D-18-00044).

We revised the manuscript and addressed all comments thoroughly wherever possible. All changes are highlighted in colour.

Reviewer #1:

Thank you for your comment. We are delighted to read that you liked the manuscript.

Reviewer #2:

The study does not contain any information regarding the treatment of these patients and their follow up including recurrence and survival.

Thank you for your comment. We tried to fulfill your concerns wherever possible.

Patients received standard therapies through the hematology department or associated hematologists/oncologist. Our focus was on the different clinical presentations of lymphomas in the head and neck and to raise awareness on the wide variety of symptoms. As we included all types of lymphoma that may occure in the head and neck, there is also such a variety of therapy options and so that a detailed description of the therapies is beyond scope of the manuscript and of the targeted readership, e.g. for head and neck surgeon.
We included a statement in the discussion highlighted in red.

Concerning the survival outcome we contacted the Munich cancer registry and received data for the majority of patients, which are now included into a paragraph in the manuscript (results and discussion) highlighted in red.

Thank you again for taking your time to view the revised version of the manuscript.

Best regards,

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