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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5221-revised.doc).

Title: CXC chemokines and chemokine receptors in gastric cancer: From basic findings towards therapeutic targeting

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated

Editor's comment: please add postcode

➔ We added postcode in author affiliations

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer as below,

Reivewer's comment: The review describes the details about cytokines in gastric cancer and their possible therapeutic targets. It may be useful for basic research and drug development. After minor correction, it is publishable.

For example, the sentence of "In contrast, the expression of the CXCR6 ligand CXCL16 may protect patients from gastric cancer progression" in the page 15 of the manuscript is controversial. As most reports showed that the CXCL16-CXCR6-axis promotes cancer development, progression, and metastases in human cancers, the axis may serve as potential therapeutic targets, rather than protecting cancer progression.

➔ The reviewer's comment is correct and reasonable. We added more description in page 14 and changed the description in page 17 (highlighted in red)

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Editor's comment: ref.37 is same with ref. 87

➔ We checked and corrected it.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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