

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Reviewers' comments of our manuscript '*Gastric adenosquamous carcinoma with an elevated serum level of AFP: A rare case report*'. We thank the Reviewers for the insightful comments and constructive remarks. We have now fully addressed all of the points raised and we believe that our manuscript has been greatly improved. The point-by-point response to Reviewers is included in the Manuscript items.

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Reviewer #1:

Is there any data connecting AFP production and Gastric stem cells? that might have caused AFP elevation. Also did you rule out causes of false positive elevation of AFP?

Response and Revisions: We thank the Reviewer for this important point. The genes responsible for expression of AFP are inhibited during fetal development and may be reactivated during tumorigenesis of gastric cells. However, there is no any data connecting AFP production and gastric stem cells.

The patient had no active or chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, and preoperative distant metastasis by laboratory examination and medical history inquiry, which may rule out causes of false positive elevation of AFP.

Reviewer #2:

The authors presented an interesting clinical case gastric adenosquamous carcinoma. The article is well illustrated. The authors for the first time propose to use a tumor marker - the level of AFP in the blood serum to detect this form of gastric neoplasm (adenosquamous carcinoma). Precisely analyzed the histological structure of the neoplasm of the stomach and metastases of the lymph nodes. The manuscript is recommended for publication in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Response and Revisions: Thanks for your comments.