

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11523-review.doc).

Title: The prognostic implications of ER1 and VEGF-A in primary gallbladder carcinoma

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Major Comments:

(1) In this study, the authors assessed the histological specimens of GBC patients using immunohistochemistry of ER1 and VEGF-A according to the previous literatures (Page 4). However, there were inadequate informations about the assessment. The authors should demonstrate the typical histology of each histological scores used in this study.

Answer: thanks for your kindly suggestion. We have exhibited the typical histology of each histological scores used in this study in the manuscript.

(2) How about the correlation between the histological scores of ER1 and VEGF-A? The authors should demonstrate the correlation using new table.

Answer: there was no statistical significance between the histological scores of ER1 and VEGF-A ($r=0.176$, $P=0.124$).

(3) How about the relationship between histological findings (ER1 and VEGF-A expression) and GBC recurrence? Please clearly define the primary/secondary outcomes in this study.

Answer: there was no statistical significance between histological ER1 and VEGF-A expression and GBC recurrence. In our study, we defined that GBC patient's death was the only positive outcome.

Minor Comments

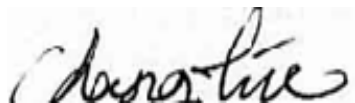
(1) There were some typos in this manuscript (e.g. $p<0.05$ (P.2), unfavourable (P.3), P-value (Table 3), P value (Table 4)). (2) "Kenji" should be changed to "Sumi" (P.3). (3) What is "SP" (P.4). The authors should add abbreviation. (4) In Table 3, "Survival time" needs its unit (month?). (5) The font used in this manuscript should be unified (SimSun font should be changed to English font (e.g. Time New Roman)).

Answer: sorry for our careless mistakes and thanks for your kindly suggestions. We have checked carefully the manuscript for several times, and corrected the mistakes according to the reviewers and editor's suggestions, which we have highlighted in the red color in the manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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