

Response to Comments
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Dear Dr. Jing Yu,

Thank you and the reviewers for the letter and thorough review concerning our topic highlights manuscript entitled “Inflammatory microenvironment contributes to epithelial-mesenchymal transition in gastric cancer”.

We have revised the manuscript carefully in the light of the useful suggestions and comments. Meanwhile, we send our manuscript to one of your suggested companies to improve our quality of English language.

We appreciate for Editor/Reviewer’s warm work earnestly, and hope that the revision has improved the manuscript to a level of your satisfaction. Among all the reviewers, the main question is raised by reviewer 03505572. The responses to the reviewer’s comments are responded as below:

Reviewer 03505572:

***Comment:** Recently, it is reported that Epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition is not required for metastasis. These studies should be fully discussed. [Fischer Kari R. et al. Epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition is not required for lung metastasis but contributes to chemoresistance. Nature 527, 472–476.].*

Response: Thanks for the comment. We are really grateful to this reviewer to give us this important information concerning EMT in regulating metastasis in cancer. This information is really important for further studies in our group. However, concerning our main focus in this topic highlights is how the inflammation affects the process of EMT in gastric cancer, we thought that gastric cancer metastasis caused by EMT should be the foundation of this review. Besides, in gastric cancer, there

are no any studies about the non-EMT process occur in gastric cancer for the moment. Therefore, the discussion about these studies is not included in this review.

Once again, thank you and the reviewers for the kind advice. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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