

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Title:** Advances in molecular, genetic and immune signatures of gastric cancer. Are we ready to apply them in our patients' decision making?

**Reviewer's code:** 00068723

**Reviewer's country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Li-Jun Cui

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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed current status of molecular therapy for gastric cancer. They provided information on genetic or molecular alteration of the cancer. As they concluded, there would be hurdled for the molecular therapies to be applied clinically.



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Readers would be informed of plenty of studies. Most of the manuscript was composed of introduction of experimental information or clinical trials. It would be better to speculate or refer literature for the reason of the limitation of clinical trials.

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The paper provides a comprehensive review of molecular-based approach to the gastric cancer which, from the perspective of personalized oncology, is the most current and advanced. The authors presented the state of art concerning latest clinical trials and



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confronted them with the clinical practice and perspectives for future. The concept of paper is very accurate, as nowadays there is a multitude of molecular agents that are tried in therapy of gastric cancer and the issue needs to be summed up. I do not have any complaint about the organization of the paper, as the consecutive paragraphs are organized in a logical order. However, considering the definition and aim of reviews, such a paper should be clear, easy to read, concise and provide informative tables. The presented paper is too long and hard to read at once. In my opinion the Table 2 contains the clue of the paper but now it is prepared carelessly and it lacks some important information. From editorial point of view the paper makes very bad impression. The authors did not provide the required format that is clearly defined in the guidelines for authors. There is a wrong font and spacing, the title is too long, there are no ORCID numbers, there is no core tip, there is no information about financial support, there are some mistakes in references and the tables are in the wrong format. All of these suggest that the authors had rather careless attitude towards the guidelines. I wonder if such approach should be rewarded with the possibility of publication. The paper should be read by a native speaker. Suggestions to the authors: 1) To shorten the main text and present some of the content in reorganized Table 2. 2) To add additional columns in Table 2 – name of the targeted agent, name of the exact trials, phase of the trials, short characterization of the targeted population, if it was first/second line therapy, the final results, the conclusion from each study 3) To prepare the paper according to the guidelines for authors.

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