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**Reviewer code:** 00502831, and 02534290

We would like to thank the editors and the reviewers for the insightful and constructive comments regarding our manuscript entitled, 'Prognostic and predictive blood biomarkers in gastric cancer and the potential application of circulating tumor cells'. We have reviewed the comments and have considered them carefully. The revised version has been clarified. We trust our responses will prove acceptable. And we the authors are very grateful for their helpful evaluation of our paper.

#### **Reviewer 1**

**Reviewer's code:** 00502831

**Conclusion:** Accept

**Scientific quality:** Grade B: Very good

**Language quality:** Grade A: Priority publishing

The authors review the recent scientific advances of CTCs and some other blood biomarkers, and discuss their origin and clinical usefulness. This review was very interesting, usefulness for clinical research and well written in detail.

**Answer:** Thank you very much for your kind comments.

**Reviewer 2**

**Reviewer's code:** 02534290

**Conclusion:** Accept

**Scientific quality:** Grade B: Very good

**Language quality:** Grade B: Minor language polishing

The manuscript fulfills all the criteria listed above. It is a good quality review on the subject, exhaustive and comprising up to date data.

**Answer: Thank you very much for your kind comments. The manuscript has been English edited again. The corrections were highlighted in yellow color in the manuscript. Thanks again for your suggestion.**

We believe that the comments by the respected reviewers and editor will surely improve our revised presentation, and we feel that these changes are more clear and persuasive. We hope the reviewers agree with our answers and the new version of this manuscript meets the standard of the prestigious journal of *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. Thank you very much for your kindly consideration.

With best regards.

Your Sincerely,

Guo-Xin Li