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Dear Professor Ze-Mao Gong:

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“Biomarkers of gastric cancer: current topics and future perspective”, by Tasuku Matsuoka and Masakazu Yashiro

As per invitation by the Editor, please find attached a revised version of the original version of our manuscript previously entitled “Biomarkers of gastric cancer: current topics and future perspective”, for which the resubmission fee has been waived.

We are most grateful to you and the reviewers for the helpful comments and have addressed each concern with either new data or modification of the manuscript text. A brief overview of changes made has been included below, and we hope that the explanations and revision of our work is satisfactory. I

In writing this paper, English grammar was carefully checked again by Dr. Masakazu Yashiro.

In addition to a number of editorial corrections, the following significant changes (highlighted in yellow) were made to the manuscript.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours

Tasuku Matsuoka, M.D., Ph. D.

Reviewers' comments to the authors

Reviewer #1:

The manuscript is overall well written. Congratulations! I have only one suggestion for the author: Would you please supplement the gastric cancer biomarkers classification for early diagnosis, recurrence forecast and chemotherapy benefits assessment

Response: In compliance with your suggestion, we added the new supplemental table.

Reviewer #2:

Comments

1. The content is ok, but 'complex sentences and long subordinate clause' are largely used by the authors. Readers will get bored and confused.
2. I suggest that the authors should modify complex sentences into more simple sentences. The manuscript should be more brief. After modification, it may be considered to be published.

Response: We appreciate the reviewer's comments. We carefully checked our manuscript and revise sentences more simple and luculent. We also have shortened the article.

Reviewer #3:

To the authors: Hereby I would like to comment on the article entitled: "Biomarkers of gastric cancer: current topics and future perspective" by the authors Tasuku Matsuoka et al. The authors present a very complete overview of potential biomarkers of gastric cancer and the authors need to be congratulated on the efforts made. In the current manuscript, not only biomarkers, but also factors in the pathogenesis of gastric cancer and genetic variations are extensively described. The title should therefore be adapted. Furthermore, I would suggest to shorten the manuscript to improve readability and make a distinction between newly discovered factors and factors that can/ are already applied in clinical practice. I would also suggest to let a native English speaker review the manuscript.

Response: We appreciate the reviewer's comments According to the reviewer's suggestion, we transferred the dexcription of "HER2" to the section of "Biomarkers of gastric cancer applied in clinical practice". We also added the sentences "Although biological researchers have shown a lot of new findings in regard to biomarkers of GC to numerous publications, only conventional biomarkers (CEA, CA19-9, etc.) and HER2

are still in clinical use.” In Future perspective section to make a distinction between newly discovered factors and already applied factors in clinical practice. We have shortened our article for the readability. We have already had a native English speaker review in submitting our article. But, we have checked he entire manuscript and rewritten carefully to correct English grammar and spelling and to make the manuscript at clear as possible along the reviewer’s recommendation.