

Dear reviewer and editor,

Thank you for positively considering our manuscript (ID 66215) entitled "Gastric cancer: an epigenetic view". According to the reviewer's constructive comments, we have modified the manuscript and highlighted the changes in red. Our point-to-point response to the reviewer's comments are as follows:

Response to reviewer 1's comments:

Reviewer 1's Comments to the Author: The manuscript is well written in terms of clarity and style. The manuscript does not cover all epigenetic aspects of gastric cancer. Other subsections should be included (e.g. H. pylori-associated epigenetic changes - induction of aberrant DNA methylation, epigenetic marks of liquid biopsy in gastric cancer). It is more appropriate to be considered as a minireview.

Response to Reviewer 1's Comments: We really appreciate the reviewer's positive consideration on our manuscript and made response to the reviewer's specific concerns as follows:

Concern 1: Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good). Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Response to concern 1: Thank you for the great evaluation of our work in terms of scientific and language quality. We carefully edited the manuscript and polished the language. Changes have been labeled in red. We have provided Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate in our submission. Thanks a lot.

Concern 2: The manuscript does not cover all epigenetic aspects of gastric cancer. Other subsections should be included (e.g. H. pylori-associated epigenetic changes - induction of aberrant DNA methylation, epigenetic marks of liquid biopsy in gastric cancer).

Response to concern 2: Thanks for your excellent advice and we added elucidations of H. pylori-induced aberrant DNA methylation in the section of DNA METHYLATION and epigenetic marks of liquid biopsy in gastric cancer in the section of TRANSLATIONAL APPLICATION OF EPIGENETICS (highlighted in red) according to the reviewer's recommendation.

Thanks for your constructive suggestions again.

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