

Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for the review of our manuscript entitled: "Diabetes mellitus contribution to the remodeling of the tumor microenvironment in gastric cancer", Manuscript NO: 68162, submitted to the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology., as well as the recommendation to transfer the manuscript to this Journal.

We sincerely appreciate all valuable comments and suggestions, which helped us to improve the quality of the article. Our response to the Reviewers' comment is described below in a point-to-point explanation format. All comments and suggestions have been added to the manuscript (highlighted within the document).

The article has been prepared following the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology – Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision: Reviews.

I hereby confirm that this manuscript or a major portion thereof has not been published previously, accepted for publication elsewhere, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The work has been conducted under internationally accepted ethical standards. All authors have contributed significantly to the work, and they have reviewed and approved the final version of the manuscript.

Moreover, we declare that there are no conflicts of interest. We hope that our manuscript will be acceptable for publication in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

Sincerely yours,

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The authors would like to thank the editor and the anonymous referee who kindly reviewed the original version of this manuscript and provided a valuable suggestion. We present our response to the comment.

Reviewer #1: In this Manuscript, titled “Diabetes mellitus contribution to the remodeling of the tumor microenvironment in gastric cancer”, Rojas A. et al. highlight the mechanistic contributions of diabetes to the remodeling of tumor microenvironment in gastric cancer. The topic is interesting for the scientific community. The paper is well-structured and written. My only advice to authors concerns the use of figures. The subject matter is complex and detailed, and the addition of more pictures or tables would facilitate consultation. Figure 1 alone does not represent all the sections of paragraph III.

We thank the suggestion. We have included a new Figure (Figure 2), detailing the mechanisms involved, as well as the phenotypic consequences rendering a more aggressive tumor.