

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: **30426**-Revised manuscript.docx).

**Title:** Clinicopathological and prognostic significance of aberrant Arpin expression in gastric cancer

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) This experiment is a series, some problems haven't finished. During gastrectomy, we clean the lymph nodes around the stomach according to clinical staging criteria. Each individual has different number of dissecting lymph nodes and metastatic lymph nodes. These are indeed highly associated with prognosis of gastric cancer. In this experiment, we only consider the relationship among with or without lymph nodes metastasis, Arpin and prognosis. To calculate the number of Arpin slides more accurately, larger samples test is in progress. We evaluate middle tumour areas representatively. In future research, we will evaluate DFS in each stage, and correlational studies of Arpin in advanced stage and prognosis of gastric cancer are going on. Thanks for your review.

(2)Patients in TNM Stage IV, with liver metastasis and peritoneal metastasis are not included in this study. Further research may accompany with the expression of Arpin with sensitivity of anti-cancer drug and the correlation of the expression of Arpin with cadherin. In this article, I speak a point that there is a correlation between Arpin and Arp2/3 complex, this correlation will provide us with the help of further studying the specific signal transduction and regulation mechanism of Arpin and Arp2/3 complex in gastric cancer.

(3) Some sentences that do not make sense have been revised. Some numbers between Table 3 and Table 1 have been corrected. Percentages are added to the tables. The relationship between Arpin and Arp2/3 complex have some supplementary instruction in the revised manuscript.

(4) In my opinion, the expression of Arpin in gastric cancer is different from that in other cancers. As a newly discovered protein, Arpin, the impact of it in gastric cancer patients and the specific mechanism that it guides cell migration may help us develop new therapeutic target. The study of mechanism about signal path is the direction of our future research. Several typographical errors in the manuscript have been corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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