

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Serum bFGF and IL-1 β predict the effect of first-line chemotherapy in patients with advanced gastric cancer

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study of serum bFGF and IL-1 β in advanced gastric cancer patients. The findings of the study are interesting, and well discussed. Some minor comments: The authors should edit the manuscript carefully. Some minor language polishing should be revised. The references list is too long, please only keep the key references.

Dear Reviewer,

Thank you for your positive feedback on our study examining serum bFGF and IL-1 β in advanced gastric cancer patients. We appreciate your comments and have carefully considered them. Below will be my peer-to-peer response to you

1.Edit and revise manuscript language: We apologize for any language errors or inconsistencies in the manuscript. We will thoroughly edit and revise the manuscript to ensure clarity and accuracy of the content.

2.References list: We acknowledge that the references list is extensive, and we understand your suggestion to include only key references. In response, we will review the references and remove any unnecessary or less relevant citations, ensuring that the



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final reference list includes essential sources supporting our study.

Once again, we appreciate your valuable feedback and guidance. We will address the mentioned issues and ensure that the revised manuscript reflects these improvements. If you have any further suggestions or concerns, please let us know.

Best regards,

Li Zheng

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors explored the potential of serum bFGF and IL-1 β levels in predicting the effect of first-line chemotherapy in patients with advanced gastric cancer. The manuscript is overall well designed and the results are interesting. Comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor editing. Such as, the “Core tips” is too short; and some minor language polishing should be corrected. 2. The references should be reduced, such as the first sentence of the manuscript “Gastric cancer is a significant health concern in China, with the second highest incidence and mortality rates worldwide, and many patients are unable to undergo surgery at the time of diagnosis [1-10]”, please only keep one to three most important references. 3. The “ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS” section is too simple, please re-write it.

Dear Reviewer,

Thank you for your feedback on our study evaluating serum bFGF and IL-1 β in predicting the efficacy of first-line chemotherapy in advanced gastric cancer patients. We appreciate your insightful comments and suggestions. Please find our specific responses



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below:

1.Minor editing and language polishing: We apologize for any errors or inconsistencies in the manuscript. We will carefully edit and revise the manuscript to improve its overall clarity and language quality, including addressing the "Core tips" section as well.

2.Reduction of references: We understand your suggestion to reduce the number of references cited in the manuscript. We will review the references and ensure that only the most relevant and significant sources are included to support our statements and findings.

3.Revision of the "ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS" section: We acknowledge your comment about the simplicity of the current "ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS" section. We will re-write this section, providing more comprehensive and informative highlights that accurately summarize the key aspects of our study.

We sincerely appreciate your valuable input, which will undoubtedly contribute to the improvement of our manuscript. Should you have any further suggestions or concerns, please let us know.

Best regards,

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