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Dear Editor,



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First title: Maspin subcellular expression of wild-type- and mutant TP53 gastric cancers

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Reviewer's 1 opinion

This is a very comprehensive study about the correlation between TP53 mutation and expression of Maspin.

1. The figures indicating the expression of Maspin such as immunostaining or immunoblotting of Maspin, or RT-PCR detection may be added.
2. In figure 4, the difference between TN stage 2 and 3 may be explained in detail.

Authors' answers

1. We have added a new figure (Figure 2), with representative immunostaining of Maspin, in tumor core versus front.
2. Figure 4 (which becomes figure 5) was explained in detail, in green, in Results.

Reviewer's 2 opinion

1. The technical details of the molecular analysis should be written in more detail.
2. Microscopic images should be added, which reveal differences in maspin expression, especially in the tumor core and tumor invasion front.
3. English spelling contains some errors.

Authors' answers

1. Technical details were added in Methods, in blue.
2. A supplementary figure (Figure 2), with representative immunostaining of Maspin, in tumor core versus front, was added.
3. English spelling was re-checked. A certificate of correction was added.

Thank you for your precious time spent on doing this review.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*

Sincerely yours,

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