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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a basically well written review. Following points need to be corrected. The official symbol for this gene and gene product (protein) is CNTN1 (not CNTN-1). Check at www.genenames.org For all other genes and proteins, use only official symbols. All proteins come from genes. Therefore, protein names (eg, the CNTN1 protein) must be derived from gene names (eg., the CNTN1 gene). Check at www.genenames.org Colloquial names can be in parenthesis as "ERBB2 (HER2)". Numerous names need to be fixed - just put several here: CDH1 (e-cadherin), ERBB2, TGFB1, etc. To understand the relation between environment and CNTN1, molecular pathological epidemiology (MPE) approach proposed by S Ogino et al. (Mod Pathol 2013) is useful. Please discuss MPE. Other suggest reviews to be discussed include: D Colussi et al. Int J Mol Sci 2013 K Bardhan et al. Cancers 2013 F Zoratto et al. Tumour Biol 2014

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This is a review regarding an interesting aspect of cancer, which is the metastatic potential and Contactin-1. In its present form, this review is inadequate for publication. But if it is re-written, taking into consideration the issues below, and in a more rational structure, starting from the biology-biochemistry in non-cancer disease, moving to cancer and then to gastric cancer, it could be re-evaluated. Nevertheless, I seriously doubt that this can happen without additional help from other scientists and authors, experts in this otherwise very interesting field. As it is mentioned further down, in the appropriate section, the English language is a major issue of this article. A lot of grammar and syntax mistakes need to be corrected, so that the paper reads well. The title needs to be changed, in order to specifically note that this is a review of the existing literature regarding Contactin-1 and why the authors specifically chose to discuss it in view of gastric cancer. The structure of the manuscript needs to be re-considered as mentioned above. A lot of statements of the authors are wrong. For example "Despite these, limited success has been achieved in prevention of advanced GC, and most patients with GC are confirmed at advanced stage worldwide, due mainly to the absence of applicable biomarkers detected by simple and effective technique, thus missing the



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optimal time for curative surgery.”, It has nothing to do with biomarkers, it has to do with adequate and appropriate screening that would identify a gastric cancer in early stages. There is a constant confusion in the manuscript regarding the terminology and the meaning of a predictive biomarker and a prognostic biomarker!

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Dear Authors; I read this review. This review should be published (Title: Contactin-1: A potential therapeutic target and biomarker in cancer) at your journal. It gives us new information for gastric cancer therapy. Sincerely yours. Prof. Dr. Vedat Goral.