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In the present experimental study, performed both on human gastric cancer (GC) tissue samples and on cell cultures of GC lines, Cao et al showed that Rab5a and Rab4a are overexpressed in GC and that EGF promotes cell proliferation in GC lines with Rab4a/5a induced over-expression. Overall, this is a nice study, with only a major criticism about statistical methods: indeed the analyses reported in Table 1 cannot be performed by t test. Authors must use a test for categorical variables such as chi square. Page 12: what do Authors mean when they affirm that Rab5a level increased with the progression of GC? What do they mean for “progression”? Numbers are lacking, only p value was reported.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Answers were satisfactory