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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this experimental study, the authors compared the performance of 3 commercially available anti-HER2 Ab in a series of gastric cancers, using both whole tissue sections and tissue microarrays. The paper is well written and of great scientific and clinical value, because it investigates HER2 expression in gastric cancers and the best available methods to detect HER2+ tumors, and therefore it offers new insights for the identification of those patients who could benefit from the use of trastuzumab. **SPECIFIC COMMENTS** The Title accurately reflects the major topic and contents of the study. Abstract: it gives a clear delineation of the research background, objectives, materials and methods, results and conclusions. The innovative and significant points conform to the background, objectives, materials and methods, results and conclusions. Materials and methods: its materials are characterized by adequate sample size; the methods used are innovative and advanced; the design is rational and reliable, and the statistical methods used are appropriate. Results: the results provide sufficient experimental evidence to draw scientific conclusions. Discussion: it is well organized, and systematic theoretical analyses and valuable conclusions are provided. References: the references are appropriate, relevant, and updated. Tables and figures: tables and figures reflect the major findings of the study, and they are appropriately presented.