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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper by KUANG et al investigated the Msi-1 expression in gastric precancerous lesions. The study is well planned and displayed. Msi-1 is an RNA-binding protein isolated as a mammalian homologue of a drosophila, and is selectively expressed in murine and human neural progenitor cells, including neural stem cells. It plays an important role in the asymmetric division of neural stem cells. In this study, the authors detected Msi-1 and proliferating cell nuclear antigen (PCNA) expression in some cases. The results are interesting and important. Some minor suggestions: 1. The figures should be marked with A, B, C, D, following the figure legend. 2. The format of the manuscript should be revised accordingly. 3. Some minor language polishing should be corrected.



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This is an very well written manuscript about the expression and significance of stem cell marker Musashi-1 in gastric cancer and precancerous lesions. Suggest to publish this manuscript.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript by Kuang et al. described the expression of Musashi-1 in Gastric Cancer and Precancerous Lesions. Although the data presented are in general good, there are several points that should be addressed by the authors. the overall data in this manuscript is not new. For example, Wang et al (<http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/v105/n5/full/bjc2011287a.html>) and Yang et al (<http://cdmd.cnki.com.cn/Article/CDMD-10159-2008082616.htm>) have reported very similar results. The authors should cite these papers and discuss the differences the present manuscript and them. The author should note each panel in Figure1 and 2 Because the total numbers of cases for each group is not big enough. The author should consider whether the statistics power is strong enough when performing sub-group analysis. It seems that there are too many sub-groups used for statistics for the present case numbers.