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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Author, Please see my review points about the manuscript titled "Telomerase or hTERT: do they serve as markers in the diagnosis of human gastric cancer?"

1. The language and the grammar of the manuscript require some revision. The authors need to request an English speaking writer to edit the English of the manuscript.
2. The references list only publication between 2003 and 2008. The authors need to update the manuscript with the latest scientific and clinical improvements of this field.
3. The originality of the manuscript is strongly questionable. The authors refer Li et al. Cancer Lett. 2008 Feb 18;260(1-2):28-36: "Expression of the full-length telomerase reverse transcriptase (hTERT) transcript in both malignant and normal gastric tissues." as reference 6. After reading the abstract of that manuscript the message is identical of this manuscript with the already published work.
4. Page 5, The authors state that " Fibroblasts resides widely in various tissues, both the benigns and the malignants. They were previously believed to lack telomerase activity and hTERT expression. " in the discussion. The authors do not refer the publication which serves as the source of this statement. Reference should be provided.
5. Page 5, in the same chapter authors state that " In our other study, telomerase activity and hTERT expression were similarly detected in primary cultured fibroblasts isolated from human gastric tissues (data not shown) , which will interfere with their use as gastric cancer markers." The authors refers one from their previous studies without listing any of the data was published in that work. They need to insert data from that study into the discussion and insert this publication to the references.

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