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**Science editor:** Ma, Ya-Juan

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Du et al. in their manuscript entitled "The role of Notch signaling pathway in gastric cancer: A meta-analysis of the literature" perform a meta-analysis of the association between Notch and gastric cancer. This is a rigorous and thorough report. Overall, I think it is clearly stated and adds important information.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

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I think this study is valuable because meta-analysis on Notch signaling pathway is rare. However, author showed only one Forest Plot of Notch 1 (Figure 2). Please show the other forest plots of Notch 2, Notch3, Jagged1, Jagged2, DLL4, and Hes1.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript entitled "The role of Notch signaling pathway in gastric cancer: A meta-analysis of the literature", the authors perform a meta-analysis of the association between Notch and gastric cancer. This is the paper cutting edge in Notch signaling pathway in gastric cancer, which will provide great interest to readers of World Journal of Gastroenterology. I have still have several minor comments as follows. ?Notch and Wnt signaling seem to cooperate in intestinal tumorigenesis and have been shown to play critical roles in the regulation of development and diseases. Authors should have included Wnt signaling in this paper. ?I have found some papers including the following paper regarding DLL4. Why did the authors miss these papers. J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2013 Jul 30;32:46. Clinical implications of DLL4 expression in gastric cancer. ?In Discussion, the authors described that rapid growing number of related outcomes (Notch signaling pathway and gastric cancer) has created but conclusions remain controversial[8,13,19]. In facts, the outcomes of ref 19 showed different result from others. The authors should give some comments for this controversy.