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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, thank you so much for inviting me to revise this manuscript about a current topic in gastric tumors. This study addresses a current topic. The manuscript is quite well written and organized. English could be improved. Figures and tables are comprehensive and clear. The introduction explains in a clear and coherent manner the background of this study. We suggest the following modifications: * Introduction section: although the authors correctly included important papers in this setting, we believe the systemic treatment scenario for gastric cancer should be further discussed in the Introduction section and some recently published papers added (PMID: 36633661; PMID: 33508962; PMID: 35031442 ; PMID: 33916206), only for a matter of consistency. We think it might be useful to introduce the topic of this interesting study. * Methods and Statistical Analysis: nothing to add. * Discussion section: Very interesting and timely discussion. Of note, the authors should expand the Discussion section, including a more personal perspective to reflect on. For example, they could answer the following questions - in order to facilitate the understanding of this complex topic to readers: what potential does this study hold? What are the knowledge gaps and how do researchers



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tackle them? How do you see this area unfolding in the next 5 years? We think it would be extremely interesting for the readers. However, we think the authors should be acknowledged for their work. In fact, they correctly addressed an important topic, the methods sound good and their discussion is well balanced. One additional little flaw: the authors could better explain the limitations of their work, in the last part of the Discussion. We believe this article is suitable for publication in the journal although major revisions are needed. The main strengths of this paper are that it addresses an interesting and very timely question and provides a clear answer, with some limitations. We suggest a linguistic revision and the addition of some references for a matter of consistency. Moreover, the authors should better clarify some points.

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The work titled “Immunohistochemical expression of TIM3 as a prognostic indicator in upper gastrointestinal tract tumors: A meta-analysis” by Yan et al. focuses on TIM3 in upper gastrointestinal tract tumors. This work is comprehensive and the regulations are clear, but there are some issues that need attention before publication. I would like to give “minor revision”. 1. The meta-analysis about the prognostic survival of TIM3 in upper gastrointestinal tract tumors showed that the high expression of TIM3 in upper gastrointestinal tract cancer is associated with poorer prognosis. However, in Table 1 of the results, the cancer type needs to be classified according to tumor sites and histologic type first, then ordered according to date in the same category of tumors. 2. In Materials and Methods, data extraction and quality assessment, data extraction should be described in detail to focus on the important parts such as TNM stages, so as to make the focal contents stand out. 3. In the introduction and discussion section, TIM3 was not only expressed in cancer tissue, but also could be detected in serum, so consider adding recent references about TIM3 in serum if available.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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