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Dear Editor,

Title: Prognostic angiogenic markers (endoglin, VEGF, CD31) and tumor cell proliferation (Ki67) for gastrointestinal stromal tumors

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Regarding the considerations made by the first reviewer on the issue of comparing the results obtained in the study of angiogenesis with those classic prognostic factors in the natural history Gist as size and mitotic index we understand that these two criteria are well established and one of the main objectives was search another field of study not yet been realized in this tumor (angiogenesis). New ways to predict the prognosis especially those tumors that do not follow their classification determined by the various degrees of risk. Thus, a choice was made to "run away" from the same prognosis study Gist.

On the second point, in relation to question the clinical interpretation of these results is placed in the last paragraph of the work, to state that these results are very early and the study of angiogenesis should continue to confirm its usefulness.

The importance of the work, in my humble opinion, is to open a new field prognostic study to this type of cancer, since it is known that in other tumor types is well advanced.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you

Sincerely yours,



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