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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting and potentially promising pilot study. Comments. 1) The authors used relatively old references. It is somewhat surprising since there are numerous recent publications regarding this topic I see below - including those in WJG. The authors should cite these references and state why their method of identifying circulating cancer cells is superior to previously used methods. Shimazu K, Fukuda K, Yoshida T, Inoue M, Shibata H. High circulating tumor cell concentrations in a specific subtype of gastric cancer with diffuse bone metastasis at diagnosis. World J Gastroenterol. 2016 Jul 14;22(26):6083-8. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v22.i26.6083. Wan QS, Zhang KH. Noninvasive detection of gastric cancer. Tumour Biol. 2016 Jul 6. [Epub ahead of print] Review. PMID: 27058412 Liu WL, Liu D, Cheng K, Liu YJ, Xing S, Chi PD, Liu XH, Xue N, Lai YZ, Guo L, Zhang G. Evaluating the diagnostic and prognostic value of circulating cathepsin S in gastric cancer. Oncotarget. 2016 May 10;7(19):28124-38. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.8582. PMID: 27058412 Zhong J1, Chen Y1, Wang LJ. Emerging molecular basis of hematogenous metastasis in gastric cancer. World J Gastroenterol. 2016 Feb 28;22(8):2434-40. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v22.i8.2434 Beeharry MK, Liu WT, Yan M, Zhu ZG. New blood markers detection technology: A leap in the diagnosis of gastric cancer. World J Gastroenterol. 2016 Jan 21;22(3):1202-12. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v22.i3.1202. Inoue M, Otsuka K, Shibata H. Circulating tumor cell count as a biomarker of a specific gastric cancer subgroup characterized by bone metastasis and/or disseminated intravascular coagulation - an early indicator of chemotherapeutic response. Oncol Lett. 2016 Feb;11(2):1294-1298. Epub 2015 Dec 24. PMID:



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