Reviewer's report

Title: Analysis of cell cycle-related proteins in gastric intramucosal differentiated-type cancers based on mucin phenotypes: a new concept of molecular carcinogenesis for early differentiated-type gastric cancers

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Major revisions
1. The authors should tone down the title, since their results are not decisive enough to propose the new concept of molecular carcinogenesis.
2. As the authors themselves admitted, it is more meaningful to use an absolute rate (i.e., the actual %), rather than this internal relative value.
3. The CDX2 immunohistochemistry is not necessary in this study. The results were not helpful, or even confusing, for the understanding the mucin phenotypes, which the authors proposed as the classification of intramucosal differentiated gastric carcinoma.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.