Dear editor, We would like to submit the enclosed manuscript entitled " Slug Down-Regulation by RNA Interference Inhibits Invasion Growth in Human Esophageal Adenocarcinoma", which we wish to be considered for publication in BMC Gastroenterology. Slug, a member of the snail family of transcriptional factors, is a newly identified suppressive transcriptional factor of E-cadherin. Slug expression significantly correlated with reduced E-cadherin expression in patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma. Patients with reduced E-cadherin expression or positive Slug expression had poor clinical outcomes. Therefore, we believe that to block Slug expression can be usefully applied to cancer targets. In this paper, we assessed the relevance of Slug for invasion potential of esophageal adenocarcinoma cells in vitro and in vivo. This study has revealed, for the first time, that Slug down-regulation promotes EA cell apoptosis and decreases their invasion capability in vitro and in vivo. Slug inhibition may represent a novel strategy for treatment of metastatic EA.

Finally, this paper is our original unpublished work and it has not been submitted to any other journal for reviews.

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