Author's response to reviews

Title: Gastric cancer cell supernatant causes apoptosis and fibrosis in the peritoneal tissues and results in an environment favorable to peritoneal metastases, in vitro and in vivo

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Dear editors and referees,

We found the referee’s comments most helpful and have revised the manuscript accordingly. Thank you for your letter and for the referee’s comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Gastric cancer cell supernatant causes apoptosis and fibrosis in the peritoneal tissues and results in an environment favorable to peritoneal metastases, in vitro and in vivo". We have studied their comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with their approval.

1. The referees suggest that at least one more gastric cancer cell line should be examined for confirming the responses to soluble factors are common in gastric cancer cells. We have therefore completed a further series of experiments, the results of which are summarized in Figure 1 and Figure 2. Also, we use the same scale for the different groups which would make comparison more easy.

2. The discussion have been shortened

3. We have removed the hypothetical concerning cytokine from the discussion.

4. Results in the discussion section have been removed.

5. We get the manuscript has been edited by Marla Brunker (MSc Biology), an editor working for Liwen Bianji (Edanz Group China).

We greatly appreciate both your help and that of the referees concerning improvements to this paper. I hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication.