Reviewer's report

Title: hTERT, MYC and TP53 deregulation in gastric preneoplastic lesions

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Reviewer: Rodney J. Scott

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The small correlative study describes the relationship between mRNA gene expression of key proteins and their immuno-histochemical expression involved in gastric carcinoma sequence. It is a small, well defined study.

Major compulsory Revisions: The authors should include in the patient description the smoking status of their study subjects. This is an important point and one that must be included due to the significant relationship between smoking and tumour likelihood.

Minor essential revisions: None

Discretionary revisions: Since the results are certainly very interesting, it would be useful to know if larger studies are planned.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests