Reviewer's report

Title: Gene expression analysis of a Helicobacter pylori-infected and high-salt diet-treated mouse gastric tumor model: Identification of CD177 as a novel prognostic factor in patients with gastric cancer

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Reviewer: Matteo Fassan

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In the new version of the manuscript the authors adequately answered to almost all the concerns raised by the two reviewers. However, there are two main problems:

1) the authors previously presented data obtained as for probes, instead of considering the single genes... in the new version of the manuscript they lost one over three most important genes. I would suggest to review the GEO files from an external biostatistician.

2) a survival of >80 months remains strange to me for an advanced gastric adenocarcinoma.

Thus, I cannot make a final decision on this manuscript.

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 I have no competing interests'