Reviewer's report

Title: Phospholipids reduce gastric cancer cell adhesion to extracellular matrix in vitro

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1. Author's question new and well defined
2. Methods appropriate
3. Data sound and well controlled
4. Manuscript appropriate
5. Discussion and conclusions well balanced
6. Title and abst convey what was found
7. Well written

Minor revisions requested:

This is a well performed study with adequate experimental design to provide useful data.

Concern arises over the interpretation of in vitro data extrapolated to in vivo results. Conclusion of abstract should be limited to the in vitro data presented. Data derived from cell lines may or may not be predictive of metastasis from primary cells. Matrices of collagen IV, laminin, and fibronectin may not be predictive of peritoneal membrane nidation.

Methods: Specific description of “neutral lipids” should be provided.

Discussion: pg 10, last 5 lines: this data should be provided in this paper or the reference inserted in galley proofs

Discussion: last sentence: please expand the last sentence (“independent on specific ECM…”) into detail sufficient to support claim or restate as an hypothesis.

Legends: Please expand so that each legend can stand alone