Reviewer's report

Title: Influence of IL17A polymorphisms on the aberrant methylation of DAPK and CDH1 in non-cancerous gastric mucosa

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The studied population comprised 401 subjects and only 286 subjects were performed the histological evaluation. All 401 subjects performed the analysis on methylations of DAPK and CDH1, but the total number was not 401 in table 3, 4 and 6. In abstract section, the authors wrote that methylations of DAPK and CDH1 were seen in 196 and 149 of all 401 subjects, respectively. But the number of CDH1 methylation was 148 in table 3 and 4. In table 4, the total number in column A and row 10 is 148, but list in row 10 and column B, C, D should be 149. In table 2, the number of DAPK methylation was 196, but the ratio of male and female 143:105. There were lots of number errors in tables. I can’t understand the number in tables. The authors should give a reasonable explanation.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.