Reviewer's report

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The manuscript of Boroumand-Noughabi et al, clearly describes alterations of soluble FAS/FASL between gastric cancer and gastritis samples. Some important alterations with clinicopathological parameters have been achieved. The work is well organized and the methodology is appropriate. Nevertheless, the article remains of minor clinical importance as there is no correlation with tissue FAS and FASL expression. It is important the authors to provide immunostainings of FAS and FASL expression in the same tissue samples. After that the paper should be accepted for publication. Typos throughout the manuscript must be corrected.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Stamatios Theocharis

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'