Author's response to reviews

Title: Comparison of thymidine phosphorylase expression and prognostic factors in gallbladder and bile duct cancer

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Dear Editor,

I’m very grateful for the constructive comments of the reviewers. I revised my manuscript in response to reviewer’s comments, as described in detail in the following. And, I have highlighted the major changes with a blue color.

1. I have added the information about ethics approval, informed consent, and funding.
2. I have stated why we choose the cell cycle regulatory proteins, and I have also cited the appropriate literature in discussion section according to reviewer’s mention. In methods and results section, I have added the number of cases included in the tissue array blocks, and I have stated that why differences exist in the number of the immunohistochemical staining results (Table 2).
3. The reviewers mentioned that multivariate analysis should be used. Hence, I have added the multivariate analysis of our data to results section.
4. I have verified the annual incidence and changed the sentences. I have added the references about the criterion of the immunohistochemical staining score.
5. I have added some immunohistochemical staining picture (Figure 2).
6. In discussion sections, I have stated that why we could not evaluate the clinical correlations between TP expression and response to capecitabine in our present study.

Finally, I correct the English expression using a professional copyediting service- American Journal Experts (http://www.journalexperts.com) and Harrisco (http://www.harrisco.net).

I hope that the revision satisfies your requirement. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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