Author’s response to reviews

Title: MMP28 (epilysin) as a novel promoter of invasion and metastasis in gastric cancer

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Cover Letter

Dear Editor:

I am the correspondence of this manuscript entitled. We are pleased to submit a manuscript entitled ‘MMP28 (epilysin) as a novel promoter of invasion and metastasis in gastric cancer’. MMP28 is thought to play a significant role during tumor cell invasion and metastasis, wound healing, and angiogenesis.

Novel findings:

(1) For the first time, we identified MMP28 expression was markedly increased in gastric carcinoma relative to normal epithelia cells, and this overexpression in primary tumor was significantly associated with depth of tumor invasion, lymph node metastasis and poorer overall survival.

(2) Ectopic expression of MMP28 showed that MMP28 promoted tumor cell invasion in vitro and increased gastric carcinoma metastasis in vivo.

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