Reviewer's report

Title: Genetic Polymorphisms in Osteopontin Promoter Is Associated with the Distant Metastasis of Gastric Cancer and Poor Progress in Chinese Patients

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Reviewers comments
Although the subject of the manuscript is very interesting, some key points should be revised. The manuscript needs an urgent overall English review. Based on the points below, the manuscript should not be published in its present form.

Title
• Please change the title so as to be more precise and clear.

Abstract
1. Abstract has to be rewritten by emphasizing the importance of the study.
2. It can be written in the past tense form rather than present tense form.
3. Number of samples studied was not mentioned in the abstract.
4. Change the sentence" the manuscript must have been------------------------ ethics".

Introduction
• This section is clear but need to present in proper English.

Patients and Methods
1. Did you include all the patients referred to Hospital for the given period. Give details.
2. Please mention the criteria for the selection of control subjects. Whether they are collected from the same hospital.
3. Methods and statistical analyses were appropriate.

Results
1. Reorient the sentences in the first paragraph as it is not proper
2. No need of repeating 200 patients and 200 controls in every para.
3. Presentation style has to be improved.

Discussion
1. Rewrite the discussion by describing the obtained results and then support the same with the earlier literature.
2. The whole introduction and discussion sections have some disconnected
phrases, resulting in an almost incomprehensible text.

References
References should be written as per journals format.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
'I declare that I have no competing interests'