Reviewer’s report

Title: Up-regulation of CLDN1 in gastric cancer is correlated with reduced survival

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The authors have made certain revision according to suggestions. The great work has been done on histological subtypes of gastric cancer.

Major concerns:
This work presented "no significant difference between CLDN1 expression and histological subtypes", which is not consistent with previous reports.
Especially results from Jung et al "The expression of claudin-1 was significantly lower in cases of intestinal type adenocarcinoma based on the Lauren classification. (J Surg Res. 2011 May 15;167(2):e185-91)".
I was wondering if this is limited by the sample size. I would suggest the authors to enlarge the sample number to further verify the result or provide reasonable explanation.

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.