Reviewer’s report

Title: MiR-133b is frequently decreased in gastric cancer and its overexpression reduces the metastatic potential of gastric cancer cells

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In response to the revision the authors have categorized data using the quartiles method and the negative association of miR-133b expression and presence of lymph-node metastases has been confirmed. Since their previous categorization was based on three groups (low-medium and high expression of miR-133b), it would be interesting to know which were results dividing cases into tertiles (i.e., three groups). Analyses using quartiles should be reported in the paper and replace the categorization previously presented. The relative expression of miR-133b in each group must be indicated. If groups are not reliable, the paragraph regarding correlation between miR-133b expression and clinicopathological features of tissue specimens must be removed.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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