Author's response to reviews

Title: ALDH1A1 overexpression is associated with the progression and prognosis in gastric cancer

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Dear Dr. Ryan M. Relox,

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We would like to thank BMC Cancer for giving us the opportunity to publish our manuscript on it.

We thank the editors for their careful read and comments on previous draft. We have carefully taken the comments into consideration in preparing our revision, which has resulted in a paper that is more suitable for publication.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this manuscript. If there are any questions or problems for our submission, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes,

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Editorial requests:

Q1:
Please can you include a conclusion section after your discussion section as per our guidelines: (http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmccancer/authors/instructions/researcharticle#formatting-conclusions)

Response:

Thank you for the editor, we have included the conclusion section after the discussion section in our manuscript. We have added the conclusion section as follow: In this study, we demonstrated that ALDH1A1 may play an important role in tumor invasion, metastasis and prognosis, and could work as a promising target for prognostic prediction in gastric cancer. Determination of ALDH1A1
expression may help to identify high-risk gastric cancer patients and thus aid the selection of appropriate therapies. Further investigation is necessary to clarify the role of ALDH1A1 in the development of gastric cancer. (Line 20-21 of Page 14; Line 1-5 of Page 15)

Q2:
Please can you rearrange your competing interests and author contributions, so that it goes just before your acknowledgements section and just after your conclusions.

Response:
We have rearranged the competing interests and author contributions just before the acknowledgements section and just after the conclusions. (Line 7-15 of Page 15)

Q3:
Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals ). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

Response:
We have revised the format of our manuscript according to the template of journal, which make our manuscript conform to the journal style.