Reviewer’s report

Title: p53 expression is significantly correlated with high risk of malignancy and epithelioid differentiation in gastrointestinal stromal tumors. An immunohistochemical study with 104 GISTs.

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Major compulsory revisions: No need for major compulsory revision.

Minor essential revisions:
1- P53 should be replaced by p53 throughout the manuscript.
2- Page 4, line 14 there is no space between CD and 34.
3- The authors mention the p53 is detected in pleomorphic type (discussion page 10) but according to their materials and methods they classified GISTs into spindle or epithelioid types only without mentioning the pleomorphic type.
4- The use of English made some paragraphs ambiguous.

- Background: The last sentence is not clear. Perhaps the authors meant that the aim of the study was to evaluate cell cycle regulators as potential prognostic markers in GISTs.
- Conclusion: The last sentence on the Abstract is not clear.
- Discussion: Line 12 should read “in agreement with”
- The second half of page 10 (is not clear and the authors should consider rewriting this page ).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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