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Title: Expression of the RON receptor tyrosine kinase and its association with tumourigenic phenotypes in gastric carcinoma

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Dear Editors:

On behalf of my co-authors, I am submitting the enclosed manuscript entitled “Expression of the RON receptor tyrosine kinase and its association with tumourigenic phenotypes in gastric carcinoma” for possible publication in *BMC cancer*.

In this study, we investigated the protein expression of the *recepteur d’origine nantais* (RON) and its relationship with clinicopathological characteristics of gastric carcinoma and prognosis. Our findings suggest that RON and its splice variant play an important role in the occurrence, progression, and metastasis of gastric carcinoma, and therefore may represent a useful marker to evaluate the biological activity of gastric carcinoma.

We certify that we have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for the appropriateness of the experimental design and method, and the collection, analysis, and interpretation of the data.

We have reviewed the final version of the manuscript and approve it for publication. This manuscript has not been published in whole or in part nor is it being considered for publication elsewhere. We believe the paper may be of particular interest to the readers of your journal. Since I am not a native English speaker, this manuscript was proofread by an English speaking professional with science background at Elixigen Corporation.

Best Regards.

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