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Title: Overexpression of Cystatin SN positively affects survival of patients with surgically resected esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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Dear Professor Bruce A. Chabner:

Enclosed pleased find a manuscript entitled “ABO Blood Group and Colon Cancer Survival” that would like to submit for publication in “Original Research- Gastrointestinal Cancer” section of The Oncologist. I am the corresponding author and submitting on behalf of all authors. All authors of this research paper have directly participated in the preparing, planning, execution, or analyses of the study. All authors have read and approved the manuscript. All authors have agreed to its submission.

A considerable body of evidence supports the existence of a meaningful association between the ABO blood type and survival for several types of malignancies. Nonetheless, the relationship between ABO blood type and survival in colon cancer patients has not been rigorously evaluated. The primary aim of this study was to evaluate the value of ABO blood type as a predictor of survival among colon cancer patients. Among the patients in this study population, compared with patients with Non-AB blood types (blood types A, B, and O), patients with blood type AB were more likely to have better survival. A multivariate analysis, including smoking status, tumor grade, and pTNM stage, indicated that ABO blood type was an independent and significant predictive factor for colon cancer survival. These results indicate an association between ABO blood group and colon cancer survival. Blood type AB is a favorable prognostic factor for patients with colon cancer. We think this manuscript is timely and the data should be helpful to the clinicians to better understand the correlations between ABO blood type and prognoses of colon cancer, and to optimize the individual therapeutic strategies.

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

Sincerely yours,

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