Reviewer's report

Title: EphA4 is a prognostic factor in gastric cancer

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The authors discussed on the merit of whole section evaluation in stead of usage of tissue microarray, but the figures in the revised manuscript are all homogeneous. The discussion or statement there is not necessary if the data is not available on the heterogeneity of staining.

The rate of ly and v positivity are high compared with the data of nationa-wide registry (Gastric cancer 2013, 16:1-27) and the association with these staining is outstanding. Are there any factors influencing of this overestimation in the cohort of this study?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.