Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation and clinical significance of the Stomach Age model for evaluating aging of the stomach----A multicenter study in China

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I read this article about `Stomach Age' determined by FISH examination of telomere length with interest. The evaluation of chronic atrophic gastritis and the intestinal metaplasia is important in gastric cancer screening. The authors clarified the relationship between the telomere length and chronic atrophic gastritis, and they set `real age' and 'Stomach Age'. If we can measure `Stomach Age' more easily, we may use it for gastric cancer surveillance.

The wrong use of a term: page 8; `13C urease breath testing '13C urea breath test

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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