Reviewer’s report

Title: Regulation of apoptosis is impaired in atrophic gastritis associated with gastric cancer

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Reviewer: Irene Coati

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In my opinion, this is a good article.

Its aim is clear and the study is well developed.

As the authors say, the number of the patients is not so wide, but anyway the results are interesting.

I decided to accept the article with minor revisions.

Mine are the following:

- I invite the authors to change/improve the figures because they are really not explanatory. The authors could add figures in hematoxylin and eosin in order to underline also the morphologic aspect of the gastric mucosa and in order to be more complete.

- In table 1: there is the caption "sex" but it is not explained if the numbers are concerned to female or male.

Ortographic mistakes:

- At line 56: to cut the two words "Inpatients".

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