Reviewer’s report

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

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The paper is potentially interesting and the purpose of the study is clear, however there are some problems.

Major revision:

I think that some references are too old and some fail to adhere to journal citation style.

What they mean with atrophic gastritis?

It is not specified Hp status of the patients even if later in the paper they say "any change of ki67 was reported in the samples positive for Hp infection". Moreover I suggest to add a group of patients with acute Hp infection.

Minor revision:

Text needs rewriting for flow.

Write gene full name for BCL-2.

There are some typos (just some examples K67 , KI 67 ).

The quality of the images is poor.

Font of the figure 2 is different from the figure 3.

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