Reviewer’s report

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Minor Essential Revisions

Their investigation about the effect of EBV infection on survival of patients among gastric cancer patients is of interest. However, the conclusion “the presence of EBV has a favorable impact on gastric cancer patient’s survival” only supports already expressed ideas.

Whatever the situation is, the revised manuscript by Liu X et al. has been improved and addressed my questions. Though the reviewer requests to the authors to improve their English by native speaker checking.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

none