Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The expression of MDM2 in gastrointestinal stromal tumors: immunohistochemical analysis of 35 cases.

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**Reviewer:** Baskin Yasemin

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There is no method and clinical validation study for the MDM2 expression studied for the primary question of the study.

The clinical significance of the test in the discussion is that the molecule has been implicated in relation to 53 pathways in the literature. There are no markers of p53 pathway in the cases. For this reason, clinical significance should not be discussed in this context.

No statistics were provided for the sample size. For subgroup analysis, sample size is small.

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