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EDITORIAL COMMENT’S on revised paper (if any)	Authors’ response to editor’s comments																																				
<p>Paper: The Expression of E-cadherin &amp; HER2 in Gastric Carcinoma</p> <p>Well writted and interesting paper, but despite being well rated by the reviewers, it needs <u>many minor changes</u> before being accepted, as suggested below. Only after these changes, can the work be accepted</p> <p>The abbreviation HER2 is not padronized: HER2 or Her-2 or HER-2? The authors must revise it. (Gene must be capitalized and italicized- <u>HER2</u> – without a hyphen).</p> <p><u>Abstract</u>: too long (308 words). Summarise it, as the <u>reviewer suggested</u>.</p> <p><u>Subject and Methods</u></p> <p>-Where is located Tanta University? Put the country Egypt.</p> <p>-Immunostain: write in plain text form (one paragraph), not in item form (a, b, c...)</p> <p>Statistical analysis: Rewrite this part: “When the Chi-square test proved inapplicable, the Monte Carlo and Fisher Exact tests were used. <u>Mann-Whitney When</u> two groups were compared, the U-test was used; when more than two groups were compared, the Kruskal Wallis test was used.”</p> <p><u>Results</u></p> <p>-The word Table must be in parenthesis, in the end of the paragraph (<u>see the example below</u>) and after it, full stop (.).</p> <p>-Put the tables on one page at letter size 9 (<u>see the next page</u>).</p> <p>-Very repetitive and extensive. Write only the more interesting and important information in the tables, not all. The table is self-explanatory. (Also, the sides of the table are open. These ‘tables’ are actually squares - but follow the instructions for authors).</p> <p>For example, instead of:</p> <p>“Of the fifty stomach tumors analyzed, 48% were detected in the pylorus, 34% in the cardia, 10% in the fundus, and 8% in the stomach body. Table 1</p> <p>These analyzed examples were classified as follows: 22 incidences (44% tubular adenocarcinoma, 3 instances (6%) papillary adenocarcinoma, 14 instances (28% poorly cohesive carcinoma, 7 instances (14% mucinous carcinoma, 3 instances (6%) mixed carcinoma, and one incident (2%) carcinoma with lymphoid stroma. Table 1”</p> <p>Put</p> <p>Of the fifty stomach tumors analyzed, most of them were detected in the pylorus (48%) and in the cardia (34%), being the tubular adenocarcinoma (44%) the <u>most prevalent</u> histopathological variant (<u>Table 1</u>).</p> <p>Table 1: Demographic data, tumor site, distribution of histopathologic variants and their grading, T stage, N stage, M stage, vascular and perineural expression and E-cadherin expression and HER2 expression of the studied cases.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>N</td><td>%</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Sex</td></tr><tr><td>Male</td><td>30</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>Female</td><td>20</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Age</td></tr><tr><td>&lt; 50</td><td>10</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>≥ 50</td><td>40</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Tumor site</td></tr><tr><td>Body</td><td>4</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Cardia</td><td>17</td><td>34</td></tr><tr><td>Fundus</td><td>5</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Pylorus</td><td>24</td><td>48</td></tr></table>		N	%	Sex			Male	30	60	Female	20	40	Age			< 50	10	20	≥ 50	40	80	Tumor site			Body	4	8	Cardia	17	34	Fundus	5	10	Pylorus	24	48	<p>All corrections made</p> <p>Revised accordingly</p> <p>Done revision</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Revision made</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Revised accordingly</p> <p>Noted and amended</p>
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Distribution of histopathologic variants		
Tubular adenocarcinoma	22	44.0
Papillary	3	6.0
Signet ring	14	28.0
Mucinous	7	14.0
Mixed	3	6.0
Carcinoma with lymphoid stroma	1	2.0
Histopathologic grading		
Tubular adenocarcinoma well differentiated (low grade)	4	8
Tubular adenocarcinoma moderately differentiated (low grade)	10	20
Tubular adenocarcinoma poorly differentiated (high grade)	8	16
Papillary adenocarcinoma well differentiated (low grade)	1	2
Papillary adenocarcinoma moderately differentiated (low grade)	2	4
Mixed adenocarcinoma well differentiated (low grade)	1	2
Mixed adenocarcinoma moderately differentiated (low grade).	2	4
Other types (not graded)	22	44
T stage		
2	8	16
3	37	74
4	5	10
N- stage		
0	10	20
1	15	30
2	17	34
3	8	16
M stage		
0	38	76
1	12	24
Vascular invasion		
Present	18	36
Absent	32	64
Perineural invasion		
Present	19	38
Absent	31	62
E-cadherin expression		
Low	19	38
High	31	62
HER2 expression		
+ve	4	8
-ve	46	92
Total	50	100.0

T stage: tumor stage, N: Lymph node metastasis, M stage: Distant metastasis  
The same for tables 2 and 3.

-Avoid the term 'statistically insignificant' and use not statistically significant

Figures must be cited in the text as the reviewer suggested.

Discussion

When inside the text, in a citation the names of the authors are not in parentheses. only year.

For example, instead of: "(Sukanya et al., 2021) [8] hypothesized that men were more likely to get stomach cancer due to women's estrogen protection."



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Put: Sukanya et al. (2021) [8] hypothesized that men were more likely to get stomach cancer due to women's estrogen protection.

Standardize the citations. Some et al. is without full stop (.) Please correct all of them.

Other example in the text (discussion) without standardization: (there are more...)

% x percent, citations...

"In our investigation, E-cadherin immunostaining was observed in 62 percent of the 31 instances with membrane staining, with an upper score of 6-12, and in 38 percent of the 19 cases with membrane staining, with a lower score of 1-4. (Irregular expression). In a study conducted by Dobritoiu et al., [20] 62% of the samples analyzed had an E-cadherin immunoreaction (2019). Rossi et al., 2019 [21] discovered that

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Corrected suggestion:

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References

Please, the authors must read carefully the instructions for authors and strictilly follow them.