

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is very well written and provides clear evidence that CD34 expression combined with three-phase dynamic contrast-enhanced CT scanning could provide a reliable basis for surgical resection of gastric cancer. There is a lot of important corroborating data for the expression of CD34 in the different preoperative staging of gastric cancer. The experiments are well designed and include a clinical imaging and histological sample data. The following comments are provided to improve the discussion and provide more context for the reader. 1) It is not clear why the authors use CD34 instead of other microvessel markers. 2) Are there some explanations of the relationship and approximation of the CD34 expression and preoperative staging of gastric cancer? Whether there are qualitative and quantitative values to characterize.

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As a retrospective study it has been reported according with the corresponding guidelines. The manuscript explores the diagnostic results of three-phase dynamic contrast-enhanced CT and expression of CD34 in different stages through a large sample clinical study. Dynamic three-phase enhanced computed tomography (CT) scanning for preoperative staging of GC has limitations in evaluating tumor angiogenesis. This study is of value to assist the combination of three-phase dynamic contrast-enhanced CT scanning and CD34 expression for preoperative staging of GC to improve the efficacy and prognosis of patients with GC. Very interesting study. And the manuscript is well written. The experiment of the study is designed very well, aims are very clear. Methods are reasonable. Data in figures and tables are very good, and well discussed. Thank you for giving opportunity to review this study.