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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This topic is interesting. Also, I appreciate the authors' labors. The present manuscript needs some revisions for the publication of "World Journal of Gastroenterology".

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The authors have presented a well written study which will add to the literature about Station 12a lymph node in gastric cancer. However need to add/ modify few aspects

1. A general description of D2 and D2+ lymphadenectomy will add more depth to the introduction part
2. On page 8 under survival significance of No. 12 a lymph node the authors have mentioned the 5 year survival rate for patients with or without 12a metastasis was 39.5% and 5.6% respectively which seems to be contradictory to the general message provided by the manuscript that no. 12a lymph node metastasis carries a poor prognosis. This needs to be checked and corrected.
3. There is no mention about survival analysis with respect to adjuvant treatment wither in the form of adjuvant chemotherapy or radiotherapy. Which drugs were used as adjuvant chemotherapy treatment, were the treatment protocols similar in all the patients with 12a metastasis and whether that could have any part to play in the overall survival of the patients. The authors should mention more about adjuvant treatment details when commenting on survival analysis.
4. The authors should comment in the discussion section on whether having no. 12a metastasis changes the management of such cases. Since it is shown that it carries a poor prognosis the authors should comment on the management strategies of the same.
5. The authors also need to comment on the morbidity of lymphadenectomy.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Review comments WJGS 64676 Re-review. It is my great honour and pleasure to review the revised version. I appreciate the authors' labors to answer the inquiries of the "Editorial Board", point by point. There are some limitations in this study. However, this study is the frontier work in this area and the results are clinically important. I hope this manuscript suitable for the publication of "World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery".