

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11931-review.doc).

Title: Biopathologic features and clinical significance of micrometastasis in the lymph node of early gastric cancer

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(1) In this retrospective study, Jo et al. assessed quite a large number of gastrectomy cases to identify factors associated with nodal metastasis for early gastric cancer. They classified nodal metastasis into 2 groups; micrometastasis and macrometastasis based on the main tumor burden. They assessed proliferative and apoptotic activities of the primary tumor by immunohistochemical staining. From their results, nodal micrometastasis showed a relatively high proliferative activity and an equivalent apoptotic activity. They concluded that extensive lymphadenectomy might be necessary in patients with micrometastasis to prevent recurrence. This is a carefully done study and the findings are of considerable interest. I have no serious criticism regarding methodology, results and interpretation of the results.

(2) Very interesting article on micrometastases in lymph nodes in the EGC. It can help in the management of early gastric cancer.

→ There are no recommendations from peer reviewers instructing us to revise the manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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