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I have carefully read this new manuscript. My major questions are summarized below: 1) The authors need to consider changing their title by adding the words “may have an” between “carcinoma” and “inferior prognosis”; and adding the words “Stage I and Stage II” between “patients with” and “gastric cancer”. 2) ABSTRACT: Abbreviations should be removed from the Abstract. After “6063 patients with” the authors need to add “adenosquamous and signet ring cell”. The authors need a clear and distinct conclusion. 3) Introduction: in their discussion, the authors mention the main weakness of this study, e.g. the absence of histology. The importance of histology must be initially described in their Introduction. There have been two major proposed mechanisms to explain the poor prognosis of adenosquamous carcinoma of the stomach. First, this rare tumor may have predominately either differentiated features or undifferentiated features (Mori M, Cancer 1986; 57(2)). Second, adenocarcinoma predominate histology may be associated with a higher risk of metastatic disease compared to squamous carcinoma predominate histology (Chen YY, Pathol Oncol Res, 2015). In the Introduction: authors state “prognostic factors influencing ASC survival have not been well defined”. The reference (8) to this statement is a study of individuals with esophageal cancer and with esophagogastric junction cancer. The authors should either remove the sentence or find a reliable reference. 4) In Patients and Methods: what length of years are included in the SEER registries? How many gastric cancers were included in the SEER registries from which the 6063 subjects in this study were taken? Did the authors obtain an exemption for this study from their Human Studies Subcommittee? 5) Results: first sentence: after “patients with” the authors need to insert “adenosquamous and signet ring cell”. 6) Discussion: the authors should comment on how their results improve on our understanding of signet ring cell cancer of the stomach as summarized by Pernot S and associates (World J Gastroenterol 2015; 21(40): 11428). Discussion, page 2: the authors state that “our



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study has proved evidence to support radiotherapy for patients with gastric ASC". Prior to this statement, the authors need to summarize where in this study or what results obtained in this study lead to this conclusion. Discussion, page 2: the authors state "The prognosis of ASC at early stages should also be concerned". I have no idea what this sentence means. 7) Conclusion: the authors state "Our study will hopefully contribute to the future management of this clinically rare entity". The authors need to be very specific in their describing how their study contributes to our clinical management of these patients. Otherwise, why perform this study?

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This manuscript is a retrospective study of gastric adenosquamous carcinoma compared with signet ring cell carcinoma. There are several novelties in this manuscript. However, I have some comments as follows, 1. Is the data from Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) 18 registries Custom Data in Chinese data? 2. Authors examined the comparison between ASC and SRC. Why didn't authors compare ASC not with SRC but with undifferentiated adenocarcinoma including poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma? 3. Why did authors include the marital status? The marital status is correlated with age and gender. 4. Please move Tables and Figures to the back of the main document.

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