

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6562-review.docx).

**Title:** Clinical significance of molecular diagnosis for gastric cancer lymph node micrometastasis

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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) Reviewer code: 00504135

1. The authors have concluded some points based on the selected papers. It is important to describe the methodology that has been used to select the studies.

Answer) after the introduction, in page 5, we make the "METHOD" section and describe the methodology that has been used to select the studies.

2. Add to the table a column describing the principal features of the studies, named "comments".

Answer) we add to the table a column named "comments" in Table.2

(2) Reviewer code: 00069066

1. I think you need to short evaluate about the benefit of ESD for quality of life.

Answer) we describe the short evaluation about the benefit of ESD for quality of life in the beginning of the "FUTURE PERSPECTIVE" section in page 10-11.

2. I think you need to put the figure from immunohistochemistry (IHC) result of LNM.

Answer) we add to a table of the immunohistochemistry (IHC) result of LNM as table 1.

3. From page 10 you mention "Yasuda et al. studied 64 patients with pT2-3N0 gastric cancer and reported that the 5-year overall survival rates in patients with or without LNM were 95% and 66%, respectively" but if we see the original abstract of this article (from PUBMED) said that "The 5-year survival rate was significantly lower for patients with lymph node micrometastasis than for those without lymph node micrometastasis (66% vs. 95%,  $P < .01$ )".

Answer) in page 9, we correct the sentence as you pointed out.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hiromichi Sonoda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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