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

This is an interesting study of the prognostic impact of tumor deposits on overall survival in colorectal cancer. This study is a prognostic analysis based on SEER database. The results suggest that addition of tumor deposits to the LNM count improves the prognostic accuracy of current TNM staging. Well written manuscript. No specific comments to authors.

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The AJCC TNM staging system is the standard tool for staging. Staging systems for colorectal cancer are evolving as more information regarding predictors of outcome emerges; among which, tumor deposits have been debated and investigated. The definition and prognostic value of tumor deposits remains controversial. The study is designed to assess the prognostic impact of tumor deposits and evaluate the effect of their addition to the LNM count. The study is very interesting, and very well performed. The results are reasonable and well discussed. The data in tables and figures are good. Well done study. A minor language editing is required.

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

In this study, the authors assessed the prognostic impact of tumor deposits and evaluate the effect of their addition to the LNM count. The reviewer finds the manuscript is very well, and results are interesting. Results were well discussed with updated references. A minor language corrected is needed before final acceptance.