

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study investigated validation of 7th TNM classification of gastric cancer comparing to 6th edition. This paper might be interesting to think about the usefulness of new TMN classification. Thus, I determined this study would be acceptable in your journal "World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery" with some changes. I pointed out 2 sites to be revised. 1) It might be better to introduce the 6th and 7th TMN classification as a table. If the author shows this, it may help for the better understanding of this paper to readers. 2) In the "result, survival analysis by stage" section. The author mentioned "About shift of state, important changes in term of survival.....(Table2). I could not understand what author really would like to say form this analysis. Thus, additional explanation is needed.

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This manuscript analyzed the newly classification of gastric cancer by comparing to the 6th edition. It might support an interesting point for readers to think about the usefulness of new TMN classification. So the study would be accepted to publish with some changes as follow. (1)It should be better for the readers to understand if the author introduced the 6th and 7th TMN classification in one table.