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Dear Editor,

Title: Clinicopathologic Factors and Molecular Markers related to Lymph Node Metastasis in Early Gastric Cancer

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

- 1) In our hospital, the indications for ESD/EMR are mostly limited to EGC with elevated lesions < 2 cm in diameter and differentiated mucosal cancer without ulceration. In case of inoperable patient such as old age and high risk for operation, we applied ESD/EMR for expanded criteria.
- 2) 11 patients had elevated small (<20mm) differentiated cancer without ulceration. This patients underwent operation due to unsuitable location for ESD/EMR such as high body or adjacent cardia.
- 3) In this retrospective study, we analyzed only surgical patients excluding ESR/EMR patients. Thus selection bias should be considered. This is the one of the limitation of this study
- 4) " prognosis in in" → I corrected this sentence.
- 5) The results suggest that patients who had EGFR overexpression in EGC were considered as high risk group for lymph node metastasis. Physicians pay attention to decide the treatment strategy.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eun Hyo Jin'.

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