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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript describes the current knowledge on the assessment of nodal status and staging in digestive carcinomas and highlight the prognostic impact of two epithelial-mesenchymal transition-related phenomena in tumor progression. There are several queries as follows; 1. How about the determination of the nodal status in the pathological department? Is the method of the cutting of the specimens similar in the pathological department? How many blocks dose the pathological department make from the each lymph nodes? 2. What is the definition of micrometastasis in this stage? 3. In the detection of sentinel lymph nodes, what do you think about the fluorescence imaging using indocyanine green?