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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

First of all I would like to commend the authors for presenting a nicely written, short, concise and well-structured manuscript. Clearly, there is still an open question what are the risk factors for the early recurrence of gastric cancer (even when it presents as a limited disease) as these patients might require additional treatment modalities besides the surgery, including but not limited to the adjuvant chemotherapy, intraperitoneal chemotherapy (EPIC, HIPEC), biological therapy, etc. There is a need for a systematic review of the available in the recent literature data on the prognostic factors associated with the early recurrences of early gastric cancer, and the research team has successfully contributed to this field by adding just another important paper. Overall, little criticism could be expressed regarding this study. The aim and goals of the study, methodology and results sections are comprehensive and clear. There is little or no repetition of the information presented in the text and tables. Minor criticism This paper is similar by its structure and aims to that of Takashi Yokoyama et al. published in Gastric Cancer (2011) 14:372-377, but provides data on different risk factors (i.e. tumors located at the upper third of the stomach was the sole independent prognosticator in patients with stage IB gastric cancer, whereas the previous study demonstrated that the histologically undifferentiated adenocarcinoma is the only risk factor). I believe, this study should be cited and included in the discussion section in order to make this paper even more comprehensive English language requires minor polishing. I would strongly support the publication of this paper in WJG.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a nicely written paper addressing prognostic factors of staged IB gastric cancer after radical surgery. I only have a few minor suggestions. 1. Grammar checking is still needed. 2. Between lines 83 and 88, regarding patient follow up, was endoscopic examination required and how frequently was it done? 3. Three patients were excluded from the study because of post-operative adjuvant chemotherapy (Figure 1). Adding this explanation in line 107 is suggested. 4. Line 114, the authors mentioned "50% patients died from recurrence". It is not clear what 50% stands for. 5. References or explanation are needed for the statement in line 137, "S-1 is more effective especially for relatively early disease". 6. If possible, please add a paragraph to discuss the reasons or mechanisms why patients with tumors located at the upper third of the stomach had a poorer survival.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is good analysis of a subgroup (IB) gastric cancer.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study examined the prognostic factors of stage IB gastric cancer according to the third English edition of Japanese classification of gastric carcinoma, and the authors concluded that tumors located at the upper third of the stomach was the sole independent prognosticator in patients with stage IB gastric cancer. However, there are important things to be considered. Even though the authors stated that the results of this study were somewhat different from those of the previous studies due to difference edition of classification, the fact that tumors located at the upper third of the stomach was the sole independent prognosticator could be an incidental finding. Therefore, to clarify the results of this study, more numbers of patients with stage Ib, including multi-center study, will be needed.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This Article studied 103 stage IB gastric ca and found that tumor location was the independent prognostic indicator. The paper is well written but there are some areas may be improved. 1.The main focus is to study the prognostic factor of stage IB. However, you spend a lot of space to compare the difference between T1N1M0 and T2N0M0. You need to mention it in result and discuss it. 2.In line 13, 14, what is the meaning of five (50%)? Do you forget to tell 10 patients had recurrence? 3.The English of this manuscript requires an extensive editing. 4.You need to add the follow up data at Fig 1.