

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review by Merchant et al. summarizes current evidence on Gastric Cancer outcomes based on racial and ethnic disparities. The paper is well written and interesting for the WJG audience. I would suggest a few minor changes; 1) Please change ref. 11 with a more recent reference on cancer trends 2) Please define "proximal" and "distal" cancers. 3) In the discussion on molecular mechanisms, please spend a few more words to explain the role of E-cadherin in metastatic spreading 4) in the same section, the authors should mention that different genetic background in different ethnic populations may effect cancer outcomes. They could give a few key examples of genetic polymorphisms in gastric cancer-related genes that show differential rates in Western vs. Eastern ethnic groups.

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I think it is a very interesting review of the literature. However I think that the authors should communicate more details about their investigation under item "our research observations"