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This appears to be an exploratory study since there are many unresolved issues related to the unfavorable effect of tissue autofluorescence and insufficient depth penetration of excitation light. The authors need to provide detailed analysis of the usefulness of the method in many diagnostic evaluations and provide a statistical justification about the utility of the procedures. The real advantage of this technique is to detect detect the peritoneal dissemination and lymph node metastasis for gastric cancer patients without histological examination. More data will be necessary to validate the procedure.