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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Congratulations for the quality of the work.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

**TO THE AUTHORS:** This paper is a well-written original article assessing the associations between the mortality-to-incidence ratios (MIRs) for gastric cancer and health disparities among different countries, so it is sufficiently valuable for an original article. However, there are several points that remain unclear. Major Comments; 1. Mortality for gastric cancer is strongly associated with pathological stage at the diagnosis, so early detection is regarded as an important strategy. In Western Pacific region, such as Japan and Korea, gastric cancer is one of the most common disease, so importance of early detection and frequent checkups for gastric cancer are generally known. On the other hand, in the regions where gastric cancer is not so common, attention may be not given to the early detection for gastric cancer. How does the author think about these regional differences? 2. Although the authors used e/GDP as an indicator for health disparity, implication for e/GDP is different between developed



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countries and developing countries. It may be preferable to use “per capita total expenditure on health” as an indicator for health disparity. 3. The method of calculating WHO rankings of countries is not so common, so authors should mention the factors which is used to calculate WHO rankings. Minor comments 1. On the line 9 in page 11, “As SF1B & C showed” should be corrected to “As SF1D & 2D showed”.



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I would like to mention the following comments: 1- I am just wondering about differentiation of two types of gastric cancer: cardia and non-cardia, with different risk factors: helicobacter pylori for one and hypertension for another. Was there at distinction between these two types? 2- Discussion is short. It might be better to explain more. 3- ICD codes are missing. Good Luck