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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is very well designed, performed and written clinical retrospective study for investigation of the diagnostic ability of dual-layer spectral detector CT in preoperative distinguishing of the expression of Ki-67 index in patients with gastric adenocarcinoma. The authors investigated 108 gastric adenocarcinoma patients. For evaluation of the level of Ki-67 protein expression, associated with cell proliferation, the authors used additionally to immunohistochemical method the novel dual-layer spectral detector CT (DLSDCT). The authors found that quantitative spectral parameters allowed to distinguished low and high Ki-67 expression of gastric adenocarcinoma. The study is set up correctly. Introduction gives a very good overview of the study background and the authors raised clearly the aim of the study. The aim of the study is fulfilled. The material studied is large enough and allows to draw the conclusions. The 4 Figure and 4 Tables give a good overview about the results. However, I will suggest adding in description of immunohistochemical detection of Ki-67 the origin and dilution of primary antibodies used.

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Thank you for your submission. Your manuscript was readable and interesting. The manuscript is very well organized and follows a clear flow.