

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting article in its field. It could be accepted for publication in my opinion

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The paper is well written, interesting and timely. the topic is not very original. English language can be improved.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors demonstrated an interesting issue about lymph node dissection with separate stations. Lymph node dissection with separate lymph node station for gastric cancer is a common clinical procedure in East Asia. This manuscript demonstrates that patients with separate lymph node station have better survival than those without. I have only few comments for your study. 1. Survival for gastric cancer depends on numbers of lymph node metastasis. Adequate lymph dissection for separate lymph node station could improve survival. Retrieved numbers of lymph nodes depends on surgical technique and accurate examination of lymph nodes in specimen by pathologist. Retrieved total lymph node numbers can not predict prognosis in gastric cancer. 2. In Figure 2(B), the index for more than 16 lymphs is missing.