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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Good [Y] Grade C: Fair [ ] Grade D: No scientific significance
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Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous [ ] Onymous
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Discussion of other cancer types rather than gastric cancer is redundant and lack of rationale or assumption for the study results

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This study has certain clinical significance and provides a new perspective for the diagnosis and treatment of PD-L1 in gastric cancer.

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Dear Authors, I congratulate you for the work and for writing this manuscript. The manuscript is well written and complies with research and writing criteria. I would like you to make some clarifications regarding metastatic lymph nodes or sentinel lymph nodes, namely their location. They were peritumoral, or from the tumor basin or in places far from the primary tumor. Regarding the legend of figure 1, it would be appropriate to indicate the different stages with small arrows