Author's response to reviews

Title: Metastatic lymph node in gastric cancer; Is it a real distant metastasis?

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Dear Editor

I would like to submit a paper titled “Metastatic lymph node in gastric cancer; Is it a real distant metastasis?” to BMC cancer.

To the best of our knowledge, there are no previous reports focusing on LN #12 and LN #13 metastasis of gastric cancer. The aim of our study is to evaluate the survival and prognosis of gastric cancer patients with LN#12 or #13 involvement only and to assess the impact of anatomic regions of primary gastric tumor on survival in this particular subset of patients. We analyzed 79 patients with curative R0 resection and with pathologically confirmed LN#12 (n=68) and/or LN#13 (n=11). We think that our data could be of help in planning of gastric cancer treatment.

All authors including myself have seen and approved this manuscript.

This manuscript has not been published in any journal and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

I hope you will consider this paper as suitable for publication in your journal.

I am looking forward to your reply.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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