Reviewer's report

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

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The authors compared the survival of patients with LN#12 or #13 involvement to those without involvement according to the reviewer's comment. However, they evaluated the survival in stage IV. The survivals are almost the same in the same stage. This study aimed to clarify the significance of LN#12 or #13 involvement in prognosis. It seems to be insufficient data and evaluations to reach the conclusion.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.