Reviewer’s report

Title: Process of distant lymph node metastasis in colorectal carcinoma: Implication of extracapsular invasion of lymph node metastasis

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Major comments:
1. The author should show the definition of N1 and N2.

2. It is necessary to show the relation between N1, N2 site and the TNM classification. When the tumor is excised, it is necessary to show total number of removed lymph nodi that is in the paragraph of characteristics because classifying over 12 lymph nodi or more has the meaning.

3. Could you use the ECI as a predictor of recurrence of disease and how does it compare with other clinicopathologic features such as number of positive lymph nodes?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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.