Reviewer's report

Title: Factors influencing peritoneal metastasis in non-serosa-invasive gastric cancer: a retrospective study of a prospectively-collected database

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Discussion, page 11: The paragraph concerning the patients with FCCs and without peritoneal carcinomatosis should be deleted. It is well known that not all patients with FC develop peritoneal carcinomatosis. Moreover, a total number of 16 patients does not allow for substantial statistical results regarding this issue.

Patients and methods: The mean follow-up time should be specified.

Survival curves: The number of patients with 10-year follow-up should be indicated. Regarding the fact that the study included patients until 11/2006, 10-year follow-up is not completed for all included patients with 'complete follow-up'.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.