Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical implications of metastatic lymph node ratio in gastric cancer

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Reviewer: Mario Lise

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General: Although I was able to give only a rapid look* to the answers reported in the cover letter and to the revised manuscript, I think that the authors have done their best in answering the critics advanced in the previous reviews and in reassembling their submitted paper. The paper is not particularly original, but the quality is now acceptable.

*Sorry I am very busy with the preparation of a congress.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests