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Dear editor,

Thank you for the reviewers’ reports. Prof. Akiyama accepted the manuscript after our changes. In addition we changed the manuscript according to the comments of Prof. Leithner. We would like to comment the questions and annotations:

Comments to Prof. Leithner:
We are very thankful for the proposal to do a multivariate analysis. This proved now, that overall survival is by far based on the dissemination of the disease. Especially the R-status lost its significance. We therefore think this is in fact, as stated in the discussion a bias. We included that in the results and discussion section and did based on that not alter the overall conclusion of this study.

We thank both reviewers for their helpful analysis and review of our manuscript. The performed revisions are an important improvement. We hope that the manuscript can be accepted in this form.

Sincerely yours

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