Reviewer's report

**Title:** Trends and results in treatment of gastric cancer over last two decades at single East European centre: a cohort study

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**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1. Why did the authors of the article choose these exact time intervals in Group 1 and Group 2?

**Minor Essential Revisions.**

2. What are the differences between the diagnostic and treatment protocols of both Groups?

3. Why were not all the patients performed lymphadenectomy D2?

4. There are no data in the article how many patients had tumor cells in lymph nodes after lymphadenectomy?

5. Did the change in the protocol of adjuvant chemotherapy and radiotherapy of Group 2 influence the increase of 5-years patient’s survival in this Group?

6. Is it possible to unite patients after subtotal and total gastrectomy into one Group?

7. What other factors, apart from the patient selection, influenced the improvement of the results in Group 2 patients?

**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