Reviewer's report

Title: Essential pre-treatment imaging examinations in patients with endoscopically-diagnosed early gastric cancer

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Problems;

1. This is a paper from radiologists. For radiologists, it might be more interesting.

2. Though the detection of gastric cancer was done by endoscopy, not barium meal study, the investigation of pre-treatment was evaluated by X-ray examinations.

3. I can understand the role of enhanced CT and Chest X-ray study, which are thought as standard and not special studies to evaluate gastric cancer. So, it is not necessary to discuss only about endoscopically early gastric cancer.

4. BE is not a screening study to examine the colon diseases recently. In generally, colonoscopy is taking the place to investigate colon diseases.

5. This paper should describe about the cases treated by endoscopy or laparotomy. Staging of eEGC, which is not clear, is not important for this paper.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.