Reviewer’s report

Title: Expert opinion of mediastinal lymph node positions from an intrabronchial view

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The map from the intrabronchial view is not validated to distinguish between N1 and N2 nodes but if you can distinguish between lymph node positions from the intrabronchial view, you can know if this lymph node will be classified as N1 or N2 in the global TNM description:

N1 metastasis in ipsilateral peribronchial and/or ipsilateral hilar lymph nodes and intrapulmonary nodes, including involvement by direct extension

N2 Metastasis in ipsilateral mediastinal and/or subcarinal lymph node (s). (IASLC: TNM descriptors)

About the number of physicians who determined the new expert opinion, it is now clear to me, thank you for the changes.

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