**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Prognostic Significance of Perigastric Tumor Deposits in Patients with Primary Gastric Cancer

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Authors presented perigastric tumor deposits as a potential factor to be considered for gastric cancer prognosis. The study is interesting, but there are some relevant aspects to be clarified.

1) Is "radical gastrectomy" a R0 gastrectomy? If no, R0 resection rate should be specified.

2) Did authors include patients treated by adjuvant/neoadjuvant therapy? If yes, this should be detailed.

3) Why did authors not subdivide T4a and T4b cases? Why did they not consider Lauren classification?

4) In order to underline the real prognostic relevance of tumor deposits, they should demonstrate that this factor is able to stratify T and N parameter (for example according to Log rank test). Actually, figure 3 is not so clear.

5) I did not find interesting the analysis of number of deposits...Similarly, I did not find so clear the table 1.

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