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Interesting manuscript regarding nodal metastases in early gastric cancer in eastern Europe.

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2. Clarify LNH for D1 vs D2 lymphectomy (D1>15 ln?) and N+ for D1 vs D2 procedures

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