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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In patients with SESCC, if lymph node metastases are present, further CRT or radical esophagectomy is required. But some imaging methods ( PET,CT,EUS )was to detect LN metastasis of SESCC, but have low accuracy. Tumor budding is known predictors of lymph node metastasis from .SCC. Tumor budding is said to be a good marker for evaluating lymph node metastasis. In the future, I think it would be a good idea to use multivariate analysis as an indicator of lymph node metastasis.