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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

#1. “importantly, >50% of these LNs are nonmetastatic 3” >> Ref-3 was published in 2003 so please provide more modern reference[s] to convince the readers the accuracy of LN evaluation by modern MRI was still not satisfactory. #2. “diagnostic insufficiency and overdiagnosis due to the relatively high proportion of non metastatic nodes 5” >> Please clarify, “3/(3+15)=16.7%” had non-metastatic nodes when LN was evaluated as metastatic by MR as reported in reference-5, Was 16.7% high? #3. “A meta analysis…diagnosis 6” >> Ref-6 was published in 2012 so please provide more modern reference[s] to convince the readers the accuracy of LN evaluation by modern MRI was still not satisfactory. #4. “Evaluating LNs… is less than 15% 3 7” >> Ref-3 was published in 2003 whereas ref-7 in 2008 so please provide more modern reference[s] to convince the readers the accuracy of LN evaluation by modern MRI was still not satisfactory. #5. Recent studies indicate that radiomics models can predict LNM using tumor information 9-12 However, they only confirm the presence of LNM and do not provide precise details on quantity or location” >> suggest to comment on other studies published in 2023 [pubmed PMID 38105891, 38074652, 37909021, 36460837, 36686763] and relevant
recent review papers such as “World J Gastroenterol 2023 May 21;29(19):2888-2904” or “Explor Target Antitumor Ther. 2023;4(3):406-421” #6. “A total of 270 LNs (158 LNM and 112 metastatic)” >> or “A total of 270 LNs (158 nonmetastatic and 112 metastatic)”?

#7. Fig 1 legend “with a short diameter of ≥ 5 mm” & text “the analysis excluded 9 LNs with a diameter greater than 1 cm” >> suggest to modify Fig 1 legend as “with a short diameter of within 5 – 10 mm” #8. lack of external validation should be addressed in the study limitation [for example, see Ann Intern Med. 2015;162:55-63]