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Reviewer A

Comment 1: Table 1 – please put N1 and N2 underneath each other to make it easier to read

Reply 1: table has been updated

Comment 2: How about nodal involvement in NETT – how did that compare to carcinoma with LN?

Reply 2: Research on NETT as a single entity and its nodal involvement is scarce. Due to its rarity, majority of the reviewed studies conjoined data on thymic carcinoma and NETT. The study by Zhao et al. published the largest series of NETT and its incidence of nodal metastasis did not significantly differ from thymic carcinoma (12). Nevertheless, both are associated with an ill prognosis and are considered high risk for N disease as they are typically diagnosed at a more advanced stage.

Comment 3: What total number of LNs should be sampled - do the authors have any suggestions? Do the authors suggest N1 and N2 sampling routinely or N1 on all but N2 sampling only on certain tumors?

Reply 3: Until more mature data is available, diligence on standardized node retrieval as described by the recommendations of IASLC/ITMIG is necessary. This includes N1 as well as N2 lymph nodes.