SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

8th AJCC Staging System					
Т0	No evidence of primary tumor				
Tis	Carcinoma in situ: intraepithelial tumor without invasion of the lamina propria,				
	high-grade dysplasia				
T1a	Tumor invades the lamina propria or muscularis mucosae				
T1b	Tumor invades the submucosa				
T2	Tumor invades the muscularis propria				
T3	Tumor penetrates the subserosal connective tissue without invasion of the				
	visceral peritoneum or adjacent structures				
T4a	Tumor invades the seroma (visceral peritoneum)				
T4b	Tumor invades adjacent structure/organs				
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis				
N1	Metastasis in one or two regional lymph nodes				
N2	Metastasis in three to six regional lymph nodes				
N3a	Metastasis in seven to 15 regional lymph nodes				
N3b	Metastasis in 16 or more regional lymph nodes				
M0	No distant Metastasis				
M1	Distant metastasis				

Supplementary Table S1. The 8th Editions of the AJCC Staging Definitions

Supplementary Table S2. The 8th, and modified AJCC staging system

8th	N0	N1	N2	N3a	N3b
T1	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIB
T2	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
T3	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
T4a	IIB	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
T4b	IIIA	IIIB	IIIB	IIIC	IIIC
M1	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV

Modified	NO	N1	N2	N3a	N3b
T1	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIB
T2	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
T3	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
T4a	IIB	IIIB	IIIB	IIIC	IIIC
T4b	IIB	IIIC	IIIC	IIIC	IIIC
M1	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV

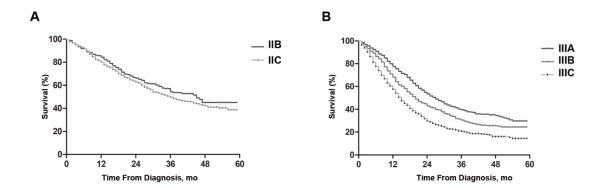
staging system						
Modified 8th	Median OS, mo	SD	log-rank			
IIB	45.000	4.087	0.104			
IIC	35.000	2.683	0.184			
IIIA	26.000	1.398	< 0.001			
IIIB	19.000	0.842	< 0.001 < 0.001			
IIIC	14.000	0.543	<0.001			

Supplementary Table S3. Median OS of the patients with stage II and III using the modified 8th staging system

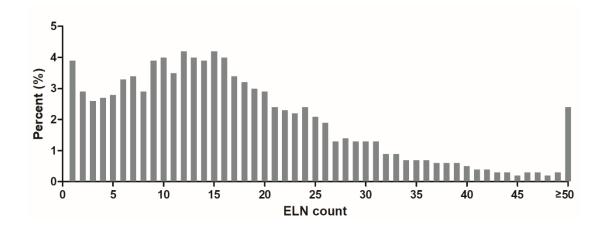
Supplemen	tary Table S4.	Comparison	of the prognos	tic impacts of	of the 2 staging s	systems ($n = 8359$)

	8th AJCC		Modified 8th		
Stage	HR P		HR	Р	
Ι	1		1		
II	2.198(1.964-2.460) < 0.001		2.234 (1.998-2.499)	< 0.001	
III	5.042 (4.541-5.599) < 0.001		5.100(4.592-5.665)	< 0.001	
IV	8.385 (7.424-9.470)	< 0.001	8.385 (7.425-9.471)	< 0.001	

Values in parentheses are 95% confidence intervals.



Supplementary Figure S1. Kaplan-Meier survival curves for the patients within stage IIB using the modified 8th staging system (A). Kaplan-Meier survival curves for the patients within stage IIIA, IIIB and IIIC using the modified 8th staging system (B).



Supplementary Figure S2. Examined lymph node (ELN) counts in the SEER cohort.