Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic Value of Systemic Inflammatory Markers in Ovarian Cancer: A PRISMA-Compliant Meta-Analysis and Systematic Review

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The authors have written a nice and methodological good manuscript. However, intensive editing is needed regarding the language and also some intensive updates on the discussion section.

The authors need to explain why only articles until October 2016 where included, given that we have October 2017. A new evaluation of the literature for the past year based on the same criteria is recommended. Using a quick research in pubmed - not considering the specific selection criteria used here - there were some new articles that may qualify for this review as well. PMID: 28815182, PMID: 28223716, PMID: 28222899, PMID: 27888711

Further the authors need to update the references cites, such as the Siegel Report that is from 2014, while there are more up to date reports available.

Regarding the statistical analyses the authors need to explain the very conservative value of p<0.10 for heterogeneity.

In the result section the authors need to clarify the obvious differences in the study populations such as (I) Epithelial Ovarian Cancer vs. Ovarian Cancer and (ii) the limitation to serous ovarian carcinomas and (iii) the limitation to high-grade carcinomas in most of the studies.

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