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Dear Dr. Rowles:

Please consider the re-submission of the attached work "Perioperative blood transfusions and survival in patients with non-small cell lung cancer: A retrospective study" for publication in BMC Anesthesiology. The work has been modified according to the reviewers’ suggestions and comments. Please see below the answer to the reviewers concerns.

Sincerely,

Juan P Cata M.D.
Reviewer: Myong Cheol Lim
Reviewer's report:
Minor Essential Revisions
In this first revision, the points in the first critique are addressed. With a much clearer and readable manuscript, additional points have come up.
1. What are the contents in the parenthesis for age, BMI, and Hb. If SD, please clearly remark this on the table. As suggested by the reviewer, we clarified values in the parenthesis in all tables.
2. Two or 3 places of decimals should be used consistently for study results and p values through the whole tables and manuscript. As suggested by the reviewer, we limit to decimals the values except for p values.
3. Full terminology for each abbreviation should be depicted through the whole tables. E.g. BMI, ASA and Hb. As suggested by the reviewer, we clarified the abbreviations in the tables.

Reviewer: Gildasio S De oliveira
Reviewer's report: None at this time
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
No corrections suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer: Hirotaka Tashiro
Reviewer's report:
The authors have addressed the majority of the concerns that I raised in the first review, and it is acceptable for publication
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report
No corrections suggested by the reviewer.