Reviewer's report

Title: Perioperative blood transfusions and survival in patients with non-small cell lung cancer: A retrospective study.

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This manuscript was described reasonably and dealt with an important issue. Several issues should be considered as below:

• Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

1. Median age in the current was more than 65 years. Therefore, overall survival might be influenced from intercurrent disease. Therefore, disease-specific survival outcome might be analyzed and be helpful to understand the real impact of disease for the readers.

2. 5-year survival rate might be depicted in the two figures.

3. Type of disease related to TRIM related disease progression could be specified in the section of introduction.

• Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. From figure legends, “A p < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.” might be removed.

• Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. Immunologic background of transfusion related with lung cancer might be specifically described in the section of introduction or discussion.

2. Percentage should be considered per each group for Table1.

3. Figure legend for figure 2 is same to that of figure 1 and not appropriate. Figure legend for figure 2 should be written again.

4. Adequate referencing is required through the whole manuscript. e.g. Our findings are not fully in line with some of the results published by other authors.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.