Reviewer's report

Title: Elevated levels of serum amyloid A indicate poor prognosis in patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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This manuscript is well-organized and their result seems elegant. In the study, however, many blood samples from healthy volunteers have been utilized as control. I wonder whether this study is really approved by the institutional review board. Did all patients and healthy donors participate in the study after signing an informed consent? Otherwise we will not be able to accept the study.

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'