Reviewer's report

Title: The impact of chemotherapy-associated neutrophil/lymphocyte counts on the efficacy of adjuvant chemotherapy in colorectal cancer

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. The primary end-point of the study was DFS and not tumor recurrence that is mentioned repeatedly throughout the manuscript.
2. The authors should also present OS data, if available, even if the associations with the tested markers are negative.
3. In the present study, the authors can only evaluate possible prognostic value of the tested markers, not predictive value, as repeatedly stated throughout the manuscript. Please correct.
4. In many of the references the year is missing.

Discretionary Revisions
1. The entire manuscript is replete with spelling and grammatical mistakes. The authors should make a serious effort to correct them. For example:
Page 3. Background is misspelled
Page 5, 1st line should be changed to: ...most likely to be resistant...
Page 7, 3rd and 4th lines should be changed to: "The prognostic value of chemotherapy-associated neutrophil/lymphocyte counts on DFS was evaluated by Receiver Operating..."
A similar correction should be made to the second heading in page 8: "The prognostic value of chemotherapy-associated neutrophil/lymphocyte counts on DFS"
Page 9, 5th line should be changed to: ...which was found by ROC analysis...

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.