Reviewer's report

Title: Prognostic significance of VEGF expression in patients with bulky cervical carcinoma undergoing neoadjuvant chemotherapy

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In the present study, authors disclosed that expression level of VEGF was a predictive and prognostic marker in patients with cervical carcinoma who were treated with neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NAC).

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) VEGF was more expressed in responders than in non-responders, and patients with high expression of VEGF showed better prognosis than those without. However, there was no significant difference of survival between responder and non-responder (Fig 2A). Authors should discuss about disagreement of these results.

2) Page 9, the last sentence of RESULT; Authors should show the result of multivariate analysis in detail.

3) Was pathological response correlate with response evaluated by CT?

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.