Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical significances of preoperative serum interleukin-6 and C-reactive protein level in operable gastric cancer

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The revised manuscript improved greatly and revealed IL-6 was not an independent prognostic factor in stage II and stage III gastric cancer. However, the following points are noteworthy:

1. What statistical analysis was adopted for comparison between CRP or IL-6 and various clinicopathologic variables?
2. Which parameter was included in the multivariate 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.