Reviewer's report

Title: Prospective study of daily low-dose nedaplatin and continuous 5-fluorouracil infusion combined with radiation for the treatment of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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Abstract
In the abstract is not mentioned that 78.8% received additional chemotherapy. The fact that 27.3% of the patients did not completed the planned therapy is not included In the abstract.

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Patients and pretreatment evaluation. As a rule patients with disease limited to the mucosal layer and those with metastases to distant organs were excluded from this study. However 6 of the 33 patients had stage 1 disease.

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Supraventricular = supraclavicular
Supraclavicular nodes or celiac nodes were included in the fields. Was there a maximum field length? Was the length of the field altered during treatment? Two patients were treated with brachytherapy. Are these patients eligible?

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Was there a sample size calculation?

Discussion
The discussion focuses extensively on the comparison with other studies this can be shortened.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 interests