Reviewer's report

Title: Overexpression of Cystatin SN positively affects survival of patients with surgically resected esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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The revised version of the manuscript is seen acceptable for publication. This study findings are interesting and worth to be published. The authors answered and edited the manuscript according to the critics and suggestions.

1. The subject posed by the authors is well defined.

2. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.

3. Manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

4. The methods are appropriate and well defined. The lack of confirmation by the RT-PCR is mentioned in the discussion part.

5. In the discussion part, other CST super family members are discussed, and similarities and differences among the current study are mentioned in detail. This form is more comprehensive to understandable.

6. The writing is acceptable and fluent but still, there are some misspellings.

7. The survival rates of the patients received systemic chemotherapy are added in the text.

Best regards

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 interests.