Reviewer's report

Title: Cervical lymph node metastasis classified as regional nodal staging in thoracic esophageal squamous cell carcinoma after radical esophagectomy and three-field lymph node dissection

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Reviewer: Walid Abu Arab

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Dear authors,

This manuscript is an addition to the esophageal oncology. You did much effort to reach this conclusion. What I recommend here is minor revision for language mistakes and reconstruction of English phrases.

On the other side, the scientific content is good and well presented.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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' below