Reviewer's report

Title: Elevated CRP values predict nodal metastasis in patients with penile cancer

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Abstract:
   Background: The sentence needs to be modified as it sounds like prospective study
   Conclusions: It can not be used as a single marker based on this study so this should be removed from conclusions.(Indeed, CRP values can never be diagnostic on their own and can only be interpreted at the bedside, in full knowledge of all other clinical and pathological results.)

2. Introduction: is too long, needs to be focused mainly on different markers and other risk factors for nodal metastasis. Depth of invasion and histological pattern of lesions like superficial spreading or vertical growing can be mentioned.

3. Patients and Methods: No. of patients in follow up needs to mentioned.

4. Results:
   Patients and Tumor Characteristics: in 8th line, value given (number of patients) for CRP value given in table no.1 do not match.
   Again inn 11th line nodal positivity and high CRP do not match what is given in table no. 1.

5. Discussion: In 4th paragraph "In fact, multivariate analysis........................independent predictor lymph node metastasis" - this statement is not supported by this study as it does not have strong evidence to prove it.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.