Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The relationship between baseline nutritional status with subsequent parenteral nutrition and clinical outcomes in cancer patients undergoing hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy

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The authors present their revised manuscript that has substantially improved. The survival analysis has been corrected, although it is still limited due to the mixture of different tumor entities. Nevertheless, some of the other main concerns are not answered.

#1 As long as morbidity is used as an endpoint there should be used a classification system. An overall morbidity rate (meaning grade I-V) of 26.7% does not seem to be reliable for patients after CRS and HIPEC. Based on the literature and our own experience it definitely should be higher. Moreover, 30-day and/or in-hospital mortality as well as readmission rate is missing. The perioperative morbidity plays a pivotal role for LOS. Thus, also in a retrospective analysis in my opinion this data is indispensable.

#2 The extent of surgery is essential for perioperative morbidity and LOS. Thus, the operative procedures (peritonectomy procedures, no. of anastomoses, resections, ...) should be mentioned in detail and compared between the groups.

**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