Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revision

As the ROC analyses testing relationship between PCT and total mortality, cancer mortality and incidence of colon cancer in men was performed, the results were not covered in the paper. I would suggest to discuss the result including at least the value of AUC with clear conclusion that according to your results PCT is not biomarker suitable for prediction of cancer or total mortality in healthy men in a daily clinical practice.

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.