Reviewer's report

Title: Predictive and Prognostic Factors in Chinese Patients with Resected Pathological Stage III/N2 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. The distinction between predictive and prognostic factor should be better explained in the whole manuscript.
  2. Whether the pathological ERCC1 staining was performed on the tumor or on the nodes is unclear.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. The running title is not adequate.
  2. The first paragraph of the background section is a useless truism
  3. The definition of skip metastasis (last sentence, page 4) is inexact.
  4. The first sentence of the results section should be corrected.

- Discretionary Revisions
  If the authors really want to improve their study, they could look for ERCC1 status discrepancy between the primary tumor and the nodal metastasis.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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