Reviewer's report

Title: Low lymphocyte count and high monocyte count predicts poor prognosis of gastric cancer

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Reviewer: Li Wei

Reviewer's report:
I appreciate the opportunity to review the manuscript entitled "Low lymphocyte count and high monocyte count predicts poor prognosis of gastric cancer". In this article, the authors demonstrated that High absolute count of neutrophil, monocyte and platelet, and low absolute count of lymphocyte were associated with poor prognosis of gastric cancer. Moreover, combination of lymphocyte and monocyte could further increase the predictive value for gastric cancer. Generally speaking, this investigation is well organized. However, some specific comments are listed below.

1. Some of the references are outdated, it will be better to cite the updated research results.
2. Patients were divided into three groups according to the levels of lymphocyte and monocyte. The group 2 means patients with high lymphocyte and high monocyte, or low lymphocyte and low monocyte, why do you put them together but not separate them into tow groups?

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