Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of comorbidities and use of common medications on cancer and non-cancer specific survival in esophageal carcinoma

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Major compulsory revisions:
Since in univariate analysis (table 4) there is a strong inverse correlation of smoke at diagnosis and levothyroxine use how does smoke at diagnosis affect OS and ECspec-OS?

Correlation of AF and Hypothyroidism? (missing in table 4)

Did heavy alcohol use at diagnosis affect OS and ECspec-OS?

How many patients did receive systemic therapy in case of progressive disease during follow-up? was the proportion of later systemic therapy balanced between pts. with levothyroxine use and non-use, since this may affect the outcomes?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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