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In this report, the authors immunohistochemically investigated the MDM2, p53, p16 and Ki-67 expressions using pretreatment biopsy specimens of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma. As a result, they demonstrated that MDM2 and p16 are predictive marker for chemoradioresistance in cStage # ESCC and Ki67 is a prognostic marker following dCRT in cStage#ESCC. Finally, they concluded their study could contribute to the formulation of treatment strategy for the patients with advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma.

Comments to authors

I think it is very important to reveal the chemoradioresistance using pretreatment biopsy specimen, and these quests will lead to determination of the treatment strategy in the future.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.