Reviewer’s report

Title: The predictive value of Aurora-A for the effect of chemoradiation therapy on esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. The study period is very long and the numbers of included patients low. Also indications for whether or not to operate are subjected to biases in this series. This might have an effect upon the results reported.

2. Without legends Figures 1 and 2 are hard to interpret.

3. How can the lack of long-term effect of Aurora A expression in survival be explained?

4. There are many references to research done by this group. I would find it more compelling if work by other groups are cited as well.

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