Reviewer’s report

Title: Preoperative systemic inflammation score (SIS) is superior to neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio (NLR) as a predicting indicator in patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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The authors, Fu et al. demonstrated that preoperative systemic inflammation score (SIS) had clinical significance in patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma who underwent radical esophagectomy with 3-FL lymphadenectomy.

This study is very simple and easy to understand for readers, however, the reviewer has several major concerns in this article.

Major comments

1. The authors stated this cohort patients underwent esophagectomy with 3-FL lymphadenectomy, but did not mention the surgical procedure, e.g., open thoracotomy or thoracoscopic surgery.

2. It is well known that the preoperative therapy should affect the preoperative blood cell count and nutritional status. The authors should state regarding the preoperative treatment in the materials and methods section.

Minor concerns

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