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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There are some queries and comments.

Comments

1. Reviewer 2 indicated mistakes in univariate analysis (Comment 1). However, mistakes are shown in revised manuscript (P-value for NLR and SIS). Please confirm.

2. Serum CEA and SCC are representative blood markers for the clinical management of patients with ESCC. Then, SIS and NLR are blood markers calculated from blood samples. Although the authors described as future research studies, this is an important issues.

3. In the response of comment 4 from Reviewer 2, the authors described that SIS may influence the outcomes of ESCC in the different way. The authors should explain this different way in the revised manuscript.

4. Recently, your group demonstrated the clinical impact of the prognostic nutritional index (PNI) in patients with cervical ESCC (Dai Y, Fu X, Li T, Yao Q, Su L, Su H, Li J. Long-term impact of prognostic nutritional index in cervical esophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients undergoing definitive radiotherapy. Ann Transl Med;7:175). Why did the authors focus on NLR rather than PNI in this study?

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