Reviewer’s report

Title: Young Age Increases the Risk for of Lymph Node Metastasis in Patients with Early Colon Cancer

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Xie et al. performed a register study using the SEER database to evaluate the Influence of young age on the risk of lymph node metastases in early colon cancer. The group identified almost 42,000 patients with 1.4% (n = 620) patients that were under 40 years old and 5.9% (n = 2571) that were between 40 and 49 years old.

This is a well written report addressing an interesting and clinically relevant topic. I enjoyed reading it. Tables and graphs are informative, and references are appropriate. The calculated nomogram could indeed a valuable tool for calculating the risk for a a stage III cancer in a given case.

ON page 9 Line 29 - 40 there are some spelling errors. Otherwise I have no further suggestions.

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