Reviewer’s report

Title: A matched-pair analysis on survival and response rates between German and non-German cancer patients treated at a Comprehensive Cancer Center

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An interesting study to compare the patient characteristics and outcome between German and non-German. And the results indicated that no major differences in survival and response rates of German and non-German patients were revealed in this study. Nevertheless, the differences in progression-free survival, which could be found in the subgroup analysis of patients with head and neck cancer. I have the following comments,

1. The median follow-up time was only 14.5 months, which affected the evaluation of the results. I recommended that earlier patients should be also includes;

2. One of the limitations of this study is short-term follow-up and small sample size;

3. The discussion focused on EBV and HPV, whether the author can provide the corresponding data;

4. In addition, is there specific tumor disease in Germany?

5. This study analyzed various common tumors, but the discussion mainly focused on head and neck cancer. A more extensive discussion was recommended regarding the results in this study.
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