Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of ABO blood group on the prognosis of patients undergoing surgery for esophageal cancer

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Dear EIC of BMC Surgery

About the 4th revised of the manuscript entitled “Impact of ABO blood group on the prognosis of patients undergoing surgery for esophageal cancer”, my comment is:

1. Authors have misunderstood the concept of sensitivity analysis. If they have read the mentioned book (their reference number 15), they should know that it is not need to mention sensitivity, specificity and so on. What do they mean by such indices here? Sensitivity analysis is considering different scenarios with suspicious positive or negative cases and re-analysis their main findings based on these scenarios. Different scenarios here mean that by considering different percentages of probable bias they will have different numbers of cases in their subgroups for example different prognostic groups.

The manuscript needs minor revision.
I will only review the revised manuscript if they have send a response letter to each item as well.

Bests,

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.