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

1. They did not get the idea of my first question which was: “When you do a procedure based on clinical indication, like Endoscopic examination and whole-body examination in your study, there is higher probability of observing positive findings in comparison with non-symptomatic cases. This will induce surveillance bias. How authors approached to this issue in their design or in their analysis?” Their answer about the follow up is completely irrelevant. They should discuss about clinical suspicious bias.

2. Some spelling check like loss to follow up instead of loss follow up is also necessary.

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: Needs some language corrections before being published

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