Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Ali Kabir

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Dear EIC of BMC Surgery

About the 3rd revised of the manuscript entitled “Impact of ABO blood group on the prognosis of patients undergoing surgery for esophageal cancer”, my comment is:

1. As I said it is important to know how authors approached to surveillance bias and clinical suspicious bias in their design or in their analysis? They have mentioned it as a limitation. However, such bias may completely distort or even convert the conclusion. They should do sensitivity analysis or any other method for quantifying bias (refer to Timothy Lash book about quantification of bias). Mention of biases only as a limitation is not acceptable.

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,

Ali Kabir, MD, MPH, PhD

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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