Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Relationship between complete response to preoperative chemoradiation and survival in esophageal cancer: a pooled analysis of three single-institution phase II trials

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The study by Orditura Michele deals with the interesting question in prognostic factors of survival outcomes in patients esophageal cancer. This pooled analysis was performed using individual patient data from three phase II trials that included on the whole 113 esophageal cancer treated preoperatively with chemoradiotherapy (CRT).

I am very interesting in which kind of lymphadenectomy did you performed in your study, two-or three-field lymphadenectomy? How long was the time interval between your follow up point? and, what items were included in it? When was your single arm trial discontinued?

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests’ below