Comment on: “Dynamic Alteration of Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte Ratio over Treatment Trajectory is Associated with Survival in Esophageal Adenocarcinoma”

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Dear Editors,

We read with great interest the article entitled “Dynamic Alteration of Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte Ratio over Treatment Trajectory is Associated with Survival in Esophageal Adenocarcinoma” by Al Lawati et al.¹ In particular, the relationship between survival and dynamic neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio change was interesting. However, we question the number of patients in the subgroups. In Fig. 1 and Table 1, 330 patients were enrolled in this study, while in Figs. 2 and 3, the total number of patients included for generating the Kaplan–Meier survival curve appears to be 200. We reviewed this paper but could not find other comments regarding the discrepancy in this number. We would appreciate knowing whether there are any another tables or exclusion criteria regarding patients in the subgroups.

Thank you for your attention.

REFERENCE

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