Reviewer #1: Dear Author, This research article is well written and add our knowledge in literature.

Reply: Thank you for your kind suggestions and comments.

Reviewer #2: The authors conducted a well planned, logical and "gradual" analysis of the data taking into account the important elements. The manuscript is well written and presented. Limitations are adequately addressed. In the abstract - there is just one typing error (CONCLUDION..- should be CONCLUSION). The only (minor) comment - one of the exclusion criteria was "incomplete data". Incomplete data - as a reason for exclusion is known to possibly include selection bias. Hence, I believe that an additional chart (supplemental or in the main manuscript) should be provided showing: a) how many subjects were initially considered; b) how many were NOT INCLUDED - because of (i) non-squamous ca; (ii) incidental finding of M1 stage during surgery; (iii) receiving neoadjuvant and (iv) "incomplete data". If there is a substantial proportion of those with "incomplete data" (vs. all considered), e.g., >10% - then (I presume that "Incomplete" refers to not having data on PWL/BMI mainly, maybe tumor stage, but less likely) - median OS should be reported for this subcohort. By this virtue, the authors would add additional strength to the evidence they provided.

Reply: Thank you for your kind suggestions and comments. CONCLUDION has been changed to CONCLUSION.

Except for 156 patients with non-squamous esophageal carcinoma, 1572 patients were initially considered. According to the exclusion criteria, 27 patients were then excluded. In details, five patients were incidental finding of M1 stage during surgery, thirteen patients receiving neoadjuvant therapy, and nine patients had incomplete data. Finally, we included 1545 patients (1288 male and 257 female, mean age 59.8 ± 8.4 years) in this retrospective analysis.

Reviewer #3: This is an interesting an well-designed study on the impact of BMI performing an esopahgectomy

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