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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Arshad et al. investigated the incidence and mortality of esophageal cancer in the United States. The results reported have implications on the prevention and management of esophageal cancer. This reviewer has some minor suggestions. 1, Introduction: first and second sentences. The cited reference are old-dated. May use a relatively recent one: Xie Y, Shi L, He X, Luo Y. Gastrointestinal cancers in China, the USA, and Europe. *Gastroenterol Rep (Oxf)*. 2021 Mar 29;9(2):91-104. doi: 10.1093/gastro/goab010. PMID: 34026216; PMCID: PMC8128023. 2, How would the authors relate their findings with recent progress in the prognosis for esophageal cancer: Lavery A, Turkington RC. Transcriptomic biomarkers for predicting response to neoadjuvant treatment in oesophageal cancer. *Gastroenterol Rep (Oxf)*. 2021 Jan 8;8(6):411-424. doi: 10.1093/gastro/goaa065. PMID: 33442473; PMCID: PMC7793050.