

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is very interesting. In this study, the authors clarified the previous discrepant conclusions, we performed a meta-analysis to evaluate the prognostic value of red cell distribution width in esophageal cancer. About 6 articles fulfilled the selection criteria. Statistical analysis showed that RDW was not associated with the prognoses of esophageal cancer patients, irrespective of OS/CSS or DFS. Subgroup analysis indicated that elevated RDW was associated with worse OS/CSS for esophageal cancer patients when RDW > 13%, when the patient number  $\leq$  400 and when the study type was retrospective. This meta-analysis revealed that RDW cannot serve as an indicator of poor prognosis in patients with esophageal cancer. A minor editing is required.

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Excellent study. Only some minor editing of the refereneces are required.

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Very interesting systemic review about the prognostic value of red cell distribution width in esophageal cancer. The reviewer suggest to publish it in WJG.