



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 50185

Title: Blood Parameters Score: a novel scoring system predicts the long-term outcomes in stage II-III gastric cancer patients

Reviewer’s code: 00505438

Reviewer’s country: Australia

Science editor: Jin-Zhou Tang

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good		<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting article looking at prognostication based on a novel scoring system using blood parameters (5 in total) compared and used in combination with TNM staging. I find the statistics somewhat dense and confusing. There is no clear outline of what is a



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high BPM is and what constitutes a low BPM. The cut offs for what is high or low is not explained. Similarly the calculation of BPM includes calculations using numbers where it is not fully explained in the text how they have been derived (there is comment regarding supplementary methods but this is not included in my download data) The comment of low LNR and high Ca19:9 is totally obtuse. Are these the 01 and 1 calculations referred to. I have not clear outline how i could attempt to use this formula on my patients.. This is a fatal flaw which must be addressed The authors note that not all patients recieved adjuvant chemotherapy. Were these patients included in the calculations of survival. If they did not receive chemotherapy as a result of slow or poor recovery after surgery, they should be removed from the study or calculated as a separate group to validate whether they may also be used in the calculations as complications are in themselves a cause of poorer outcomes

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study is well written and presented. A combination of 5 blood parameters are used to correlate the OS and DSS of 850 gastric cancer patients. The question remains as to the utility of the correlations and the usefulness of them in future research and clinical



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studies. Are the authors going to change their clinical practice on the basis of these results? and if so how? These implications could be made more clear.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editors, The manuscript no. 50185 entitled “Blood Parameters Score: a novel scoring system predicts the long-term outcomes in stage II-III gastric cancer patients” has demonstrated the new prognostic indicator for prediction the outcomes of gastric



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cancer patients. The authors have proposed to use BMP-score, which generated from the combination of 5 markers, as a poor prognostic indicator for gastric cancer. The article is scientific relevance with high quality. The analysis is good, using training set and validate set. However, a small point needs to be clarified: Since some the markers used in this study, such as NLR and CA19-9, have been documented to be poor prognostic markers. To prove that measuring of multi-marker (as BMP score) has more benefits than using only one marker, the authors should compare the power of BMP-score in prognostic prediction of gastric cancer with each individual marker.

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