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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good				<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision		Peer-reviewer's expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection		<input type="checkbox"/> General
				<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
				Conflicts-of-Interest:

☐ Yes

☐ No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments The authors aim to establish a nomogram for predicting pathological complete response (pCR) to neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NAC) for patients with advanced gastric cancer (AGC). There are some points to be clarified before publication. The authors described that they established a nomogram with satisfactory predictive power of pCR. However, it is not so convincing to say that the predictive power of the model is satisfactory by applying the model to the group that made the predictive model itself. The authors should split the patients into a training set and a validation set to validate the predictive model. Preoperative chemotherapy has been proved to improve survival outcomes only when it was given as part of perioperative chemotherapy. What about postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy in this patient group? Data regarding peritoneal washing cytology test was not described. The authors should describe the data regarding adverse events during NAC and postoperative complications including mortality.

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The authors responded well to my comments. The paper is acceptable after clarifying the following points. The number of patients who received postoperative adjuvant chemotherapy does not match the number obtained from the total number of patients and the number of patients who did not receive adjuvant chemotherapy. In the revised Table 2 and 3, percent value should be added. "Table 4" should be corrected to "Table 3" in Page 9, Line 20.

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