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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Previously, it has been repeatedly reported that the activated systemic immunogenic response, high and low lymph node accounts are significantly related to patient survival. Thus the only possible new information from this study could come from the assessment of the relationship between lymph node account and systemic inflammatory response. The authors need to show that the reduced lymph node account is significantly associated with the activated systemic inflammatory response with a proper statistical assessment.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript describes findings of statistical-analysis to assess a link between lymph node yields and systemic inflammatory response in patients undergoing for colon carcinoma. Authors suggest an intrinsic link between the host immune-response and patient outcome in colon cancer, and propose that neutrophil-lymphocyte ration can be used to predict nodal yield and provide additional valuable information regarding prognosis. This article is concisely written, and contains interesting findings. Despite of limited number and quality of the data used in this study, the analytical results presented likely support the conclusion made by authors. The information given may be helpful to promote the further advance in the treatment of colon cancer. This reviewer has no essential criticism to the contents.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript by Kennelly and co-authors describes a database study of a rather small cohort of colon cancer patients, evaluating whether the number of lymph nodes negatively correlates with the systemic response represented by the Neutrophil-lymphocyte ratio. Although the hypothesis is interesting, the number of patients and the methods used are adequate to establish a statistically/clinically significant conclusion. Minor remarks: The patients should have been selected/corrected for specific TNM stages. CRP data should be included. The legends are too concise. Figure 1 is redundant. Table 4 is confusing.