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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors have made a substantial effort to analyze their results. Their statistical analysis needs to consider two more issues. 1) Sample size analysis: Two-tailed, t-test for independent samples to validate their results upon the impact of ration on CCS and RFS especially for stage IIIA patients and 2) Reference to Area Under Curve (AUC) in order to provide data about Sensitivity-Specificity and Accuracy of the Ratio cutoff ≤3 and >3