

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	PubMed Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This retrospective study with a great cohort of patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (n=1490) contributes to the existing literature about surgical therapy of esophageal cancer. It adds relevant data and concludes that aggressive surgery is not justified at an advanced tumor stage. The limitations of this study are clear and declared by the authors. The aspect of a neoadjuvant therapy is not included but discussed and answered in other studies. Minor language and grammar revision is necessary. More figures could help to summarize the most important aspects.