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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very good and interesting study focusing on use of biomarkers used to predict efficacy of locoregional treatment. Though that I am not an expert in statistics, methodology appears to be correct, the rationale of the study is convincing, and results are useful in clinical practice. I think the article should be published.

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In this study, the authors tested the correlation between LMR and survival in patients with colorectal liver metastasis treated by RFA. The results confirmed the feasibility of using LMR as a novel predictor of outcome for CLM patients. The authors stated in the second paragraph in page 11 that ".....confirmed the independence of lymphocyte-to-monocyte ratio from other baseline features". What are these baseline features that were excluded? As all patients were undergone primary colorectal tumor resection before RFA and received systemic chemotherapy, how could you exclude the influence of resection and chemotherapy on the OS of the cohort?