



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this paper Ren et al. evaluated the clinical importance and prognostic significance of the systemic inflammatory response index (SIRI) and the albumin fibrinogen ratio (AFR) on early postoperative outcomes in patients undergoing radical gastric cancer surgery. The paper is interesting, but I have some comments that should be addressed before its publication. -In the abstract section, it is necessary to add background information (see the format of the journal). In addition, the period of time related to study should be added. Please describe the three groups of patients mentioned in this section. The main statistical methods should also be included as well as the main results with statistical values. -There are some words with grammatical errors and some typos. -In the introduction section, please check the references 2 in order to correct the following phrase: “Gastric cancer is the second-highest cancer to be diagnosed and the secondary ..... rate for gastric cancer compared to most developed countries2.” -The authors should add some complications as examples in the next phrase: “Gastrectomy offers a substantial risk of postoperative complications.....” -In the following phrases it is necessary to add the original references because the reference 6 and 9 are not directly



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related to the phrases: "In actuality, postoperative complications following gastric surgery were reported to be 46%<sup>6</sup>." and "Relevant evidence reveals that more than 70% .....gastric cancer can lead to a significant shortening of the time a patient survives<sup>9</sup>." -Please add the references appropriate to the next phrase: "A significant variety of studies have increasingly reported that SIRI is strongly associated with the prognosis of a multitude of tumors." -The acronym OS should be defined. -The authors sometimes write albumin-fibrinogen ratio or fibrinogen-to-albumin ratio, please check and correct them. -In the materials and methods section, specifically in Patients and Follow-Up, please add the numbers of patients analyzed, including mean age and percentage of sex. -In the following phrase add the reference of Dindo et al. ("Classification of surgical complications: a new proposal with evaluation in a cohort of 6336 patients and results of a survey." or the reference related to a review that includes this information): "...and all complications were graded for severity according to the Clavien-Dindo complication grading system<sup>26</sup>," -The authors should include the complications according to the proposed classifications: ".....with Grade I or II complications were categorized as minor complications, whereas Grade III and higher were characterized as major complications, whereas Grade III and higher were characterized as major complications." -Please describe the method performed for immunohistochemistry (ki67, P53, and Her2), including the method for their determinations. -What day is peripheral venous blood drawn after surgery? -Were chronic inflammatory diseases excluded? -In the following phrase: "The average age of the population group was 60.29 ± 9.79 (25-87)." Is the age range correct? -The acronym TNM should be defined in table 3. -In the results header "3.6 Establishment of the SIRI-AFR Score." The results, sensitivity, and specificity of the Youden index are unclear. -The following phrase is incompleting: "Lymphocytes played a part in immunologic surveillance and were contributory to identification and destruction<sup>37</sup>." In addition, the



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reference 37 is not appropriate, please add the correct one. -The next phrase requires another reference to support the information: "Unlike other indicators of inflammation, ..... inflammatory state of the patient after chemotherapy<sup>40</sup>. -Change Mario for Schioetroma in the following phrase: " Recently, Mario and his colleagues confirmed that SIRI can be considered to potentially predict anastomotic fistulas after total gastrectomy<sup>50</sup>." -Please correct the following "You's": In accordance with You's findings, ..... -GC needs to be corrected in the next sentence: "Subsequently, we lacked evaluation of postoperative SIRI and AFR dynamic changes in a relatively large cohort of GC patients,"



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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Major comments: The manuscript is disorganized and has been poorly written. It should be elaborated to reach scientific writing. The text should also be checked for the English language. The abstract section is descriptive and not statistically informative. The key points of the results section should be addressed in this section. The results section is busy and exhausting and all the findings of the tables are repeated in it. Tables 5 and 6 would be deleted and replaced by tables containing univariate and multivariate analyses for disease-free survival and overall survival. The components of SIRI and AFR such as neutrophil count, monocyte count, lymphocyte count, albumin, and fibrinogen serum levels should be included in the univariate and multivariate Cox regression analyses to determine whether SIRI and AFR are independent variables or not. Additionally, the components of SIRI and AFR should be included in Table 4. Minor comments: The authors should precisely use the words "recurrence" "relapse" and "metastasis". Recurrence and relapse may be locoregional or distant (metastasis). The authors used "recurrence" and "relapse as local recurrent diseases. So, it is better to use "locoregional recurrence" instead of "recurrence" and "relapse" in the text.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I have no comments.