

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study aimed to evaluate the value of PET/CT complete metabolic response (CMR) as a prognostic predictor for esophageal cancer. This is a good way to assess the presence of metastases elsewhere. However, the author should compare the effect of common examination with PET, because PET is not widely available and expensive, and its popularity may not be high. Larger sample size studies are needed to confirm this conclusion in the future.

<Answers>

Thank you for your important comments. According to the suggestions, we added the sensitivity, specificity and accuracy of CT and added following sentences on page 10, line 24-26

Similarly, the sensitivity, specificity and accuracy of CT for the detection of LN metastasis in esophageal cancer in our study were 34.4%, 84.6%, 56.9%, respectively.

Also, we compared these data with PET/CT and added the following sentence on page 11, line 10-11.

Therefore, PET/CT could be useful tool for the detection of LN metastasis in esophageal cancer compared with CT in our study.

Thank you for your important comment. According to the suggestions, we added the following sentences on page 12, lines 6-7.

Then, larger sample size studies are needed to confirm our results in the future.