Reviewer's report

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My revision of the present manuscript produced a very POSITIVE evaluation:

The aim of the study is clear. The background, methods, results and discussion are very well written. Also the statistical methodological approach and results of these analyses (univariate analysis, multivariate analysis..) are very well explained as well as figures and tables clearly illustrated, and the legend explained in details. The references are complete and updated

It's particular interest and contribution consists in putting together the clinical meaning of these Serum Biomarkers and the Population Genetics study.

There are some limitations of the study, but the authors mentioned and discussed them at pg 16.

Very Minor Revisions: In the Figures, the title (Fig 1, Fig 2..) it is not very well readable.