Reviewer's report

Title: Fractal Dimension of chromatin is an independent factor for survival in melanoma

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Minor Compulsory Revisions.

1. Page 2, Methods: You state that you examined 71 primary cutaneous and metastatic melanoma specimens. However on page 5 (Study subjects) you say that you selected patients with superficial spreading cutaneous melanoma. It is not clear to me how many of the melanomas were primary and how many metastatic. Do you feel this needs clarification;

2. Page 9, line 4 and 5. It would seem to me that the inclusion of "60 patients" makes the sentence unclear.

3. Page 1. Would suggest "reliable" instead of "robust"

4. Page 2, Results, line 3: Would suggest "were significantly the worst prognostic factor"

5. Page 7 and 8: Would suggest replacing "according to" with "in accordance with" wherever mentioned.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'