Reviewer's report

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The authors have significantly revised the manuscript, adequately addressing my comments as well as those of the other reviewer. It reads much more smoothly. The completely revised discussion is more "on point" but remains complex and difficult to understand. For example, page 9, beginning of paragraph 3, the statement "Since we are measuring the fractal dimension of a rough and irregular surface, we expect $2 < FD < 3$" is not explained and its significance is not readily apparent.

However, this is much better than the previous version.

A minor grammatical error on page 8, first line, "without metastatasization" should be changed to "that did not metastasize".

Overall, I believe the paper is much improved and considering the questions of reviewers have been answered, it can be accepted at this point.

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