Reviewer's report

Title: Increased serum levels of tumour-associated trypsin inhibitor independently predict a poor prognosis in colorectal cancer patients

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Reviewer: Stefan Fichtner-Feigl

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The authors have addressed the points raised by the reviewers. This was done mostly in writing and addition of data.

The fact that RT and surgery changes values of sTATI significantly limits the importance of sTATI as diagnostic tool tremendously.

However the set of data is important for understanding the role of sTATI in CRC.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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